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– SYNOPSIS –

There is only one Magi Craft Meister in the world. After the death of the last Meister over one thousand years ago, Jin Nidou was transported to another world in order to succeed her will.

After obtaining the knowledge of the Magi Craft Meister, Jin attempts to use a warp gate but it malfunctions, transporting him to an unknown world. Along with that, an automata he recently restored also uses the warp gate in order to search for her “father”. Thus, the crafting journey of the new Magi Craft Meister begins!







CHAPTER 1

GLIDER GOLEM

Before you know it, a new year begins in this world, and Jin was unaware of it.

「... I've had enough」

Day after day, all Jin ate were fruits and nuts.

「Aah... I want to eat cooked rice. Bread would be fine too」

Of course he would have enough of eating, he missed his former diet.

「Is there somewhere I can buy wheat?」

「If that's the case, we can cultivate a field on this island, Father」

For Jin's mutter, Reiko proposed.

「Well there's that. We can buy the seeds, but the fields need to be prepared」

「Yes. For that, what if we left it to the Golem Maids Topaz and Aqua?」

「Topaz has an earth attribute and Aqua has a water attribute. That sounds like a good idea」

Jin nodded in agreement. Reiko,

「Well then, they will need Golems to work for them」

「Aa, right. I guess I'll make them」

So it was decided that he would make 5 subordinate Golems for the Golem Maids, Aqua and Topaz. Jin decided the specs together with Reiko.

「Without 《Magic Skin》, they won't need clothes」

「Un, that's right. Instead, we'll plate the surface with 《Light Silver》 to change their colours.」

「Ha?」

Jin then explained to Reiko. 《Light Silver》 is an isotope of titanium, and by adjusting the thickness of the oxide film on the surface of titanium, the colour can vary.^[1]

This is knowledge Jin obtained from working in a factory (metal related) on modern Earth.

「Okay, I understand now. As expected of Father」

He immediately started making the Golems. The basic form is the same as the Golem Maids. Though the structure was fairly simplified. The control system was particular. For now they had an autonomous intelligence and were adjusted to listen to not just each maid who were their superior, but Jin and Reiko on top of that.

「I'll make the body, so Father, please take care of the 《Ether Converter》, 《Mana Drive》, and core」

「Alright, I'm on it」

They proceeded with sharing their work, Reiko doing the simple work while Jin did the key complex work. 2 days later, 5 Golems for each, with 10 of them in total were completed.

「I think we should assign each Golem Maid with a role」

Agreeing with Reiko's suggestion, Jin,

「Alright then. Topaz for land development. Aqua for water control. Peridot for housework. Ruby and Amezu for the island's defense, how is that?」

「I think that is fine」

「Okay then, Topaz, Aqua, Peridot, Ruby, Amezu. I've made subordinates for you. Please continue to work hard in the future. As for the subordinate Golems, I leave them to you」

「Very well, Goshujin-sama」

「We look forward to working with you」

The 5 Golem Maids bowed to Jin, and the subordinate Golems first bowed to Jin, then bowed to the maid bosses. Topaz and Aqua went outside of the Laboratory, and Peridot looked around each room. Ruby and Amezu also went outside, together with the subordinates.

Then Reiko,

「Father, there are still two left, what are they?」

asked, seeing the body of two Golems that had yet to activate.

「Aa, these are subordinates for Reiko. From now on, Reiko will be busy with various things, so I made you subordinates」

「My subordinates...?」

「Aa. They should have the same performance as the Golem Maids. But their appearance is different」

Right, the bodies of the two Golems still lying down were petite, being about the same size as Reiko.

「I want to link them to Reiko before we activate them. How about it?」

「They are something Father kindly made while thinking about me, therefore I have no objections」

She says that with a somewhat happy look. Seeing that, Jin felt relieved. He had wondered 『Did I do something unnecessary?』 and how to persuade her if something was said about it.

「I see, then come over here... 《Mana Linkage》 ... okay it's done, 『Activate』 !」

The bodies of the two Golems got up. 1 body was gold, the other was silver.

「Nice to meet you, Father, Onee-sama」

The Golems made their greetings. Of course the Onee-sama thing is about Reiko.

「Yes, nice to meet you... Father, what are their names?」

「Unn... let's see... since they are Reiko's subordinates, how about Reiko names them?」

Reiko thought for a while when told that,

「I guess so... the gold one, you are Soleil, the silver one, you are Luna」

It was much more decent than Jin.

「Yes, I am Soleil」

「Yes, I am Luna」

With this, the labour shortage is considerably resolved, and Jin decided to continue working on solving the problems.

「Reiko, even if its effective to use this island, I can't do much without knowing the topography. Do we not have a map?」

Reiko had a slightly troubled face when asked that,

「That is... things have changed considerably from the time Mother was here, therefore you'll need to remake a new one」

Reiko said that it seems to have risen during the past 1000 years.

「I see... then understanding the whole birds eye view of the island is urgent」

Folding his arms, Jin pondered.

「The survey can be done much later, but I want to know the topography and size」

Taking an aerial photo would solve it in one go, however there is still no means to fly in this world. Jin continued to ponder,

「I know! Reiko, please help me for a little bit」

Coming up with some kind of idea, Jin headed to the workshop.

「What are you doing Father?」

To the puzzled Reiko, Jin,

「I want to roughly understand the topography of the island by surveying it from the sky. For that purpose, I'm creating a Golem to fly in the sky」

「T-The sky?」

Even Reiko was surprised about it. The predecessor didn't think about such a thing.

「Un, well, although I say fly in the sky, it's just gliding after launching with magic」

Simply put, a glider. He made a model glider, a Golem which would survey the ground while gliding and would produce a map after it returns, that was the process. For now, he decided to reduce it to a roughly decent scale.

「I understand what you said, but will it really fly in the sky?」

Since only a partial amount of Jin's knowledge was transferred, Reiko was dubious about it.

「Un, well, seeing it for yourself is better than hearing about it, let's try it out」

With that said, he created one Glider with 『Light Silver』, equipped with a core of a Golem, and a 『Magic Crystal』 was equipped to ensure vision. Though the core is small, the movements are operated using the 『Elevator』, 『Rudder』, and 『Aileron』^[2]. It was shortly completed.

「So this will fly?」

「Aa, just look」

Jin also left the laboratory to perform a flight test of the Glider Golem on the open front yard that Topaz and Aqua had already prepared.

「Okay, I'm throwing it」

It lightly pushed forward first. The glider glided straight ahead, landing after flying about 50 metres.

「It really flew」

Reiko seemed to be deeply moved. Though it didn't really show on her face.

By repeating this several times, he memorised how to control the Glider Golem. And finally, it was time for the real thing.

「Reiko」

「Yes, Father」

「Throw this up with all the power you've got」

With all of Reiko's power, it would easily reach 3 kilometres in the sky.

「Understood」

Reiko got into a throwing stance.

「Glider Golem, go survey the appearance of the island and memorise it. Then come back here」

At the same time Jin gave his instructions,

「Here I go!」

Reiko threw the Glider Golem with full power. In the blink of an eye, it soared to a high altitude and was no longer visible to the naked eye.

「How is it?」

Jin asked Reiko who could still see it.

「Yes, it is still rising. Still... ah, it's begun gliding. It is slowly descending...」

The Glider Golem landed in front of the Laboratory two hours after that.

The map of the image of the island stored in the core of the Golem was completed the next day.

CHAPTER 2

NAMING, [HOURAI]

Now, a map of the island the laboratory is on was spread before Jin. This is the result of the Glider Golem.

「I see, so this island is almost circular. And in the southeast is a large pried area which has become a bay」

「Father, we should give this island a name」

The 《Automata》 Reiko who was looking at the map along with Jin said.

「Yeah, we should...」

Jin pondered.

「Yamato... Akitsushima... Yashima...」

He lined up names he heard from elsewhere. Well, it is Jin.

「I know, let's go with 《Hourai Island》」

Hourai in Ancient China is a legendary island floating on the eastern sea where immortals lived. For Jin, it was a decent name.

「So, for this bay to the southeast... because tatsumi is southeast, it will be 『Tatsumi Bay』」

After all, Jin is Jin.

「So, in the centre of 《Hourai Island》 is 《Mt. Hourai》, about 3000 metres. If we use it well, we can cultivate cold land vegetation」

「The laboratory is part way up the side of 『Mt. Hourai』, the area about 1000 metres up in altitude, a wide plain is there. It is the remnants of the island 1000 years ago」

「Un, there's also the wetland and pond. We'll call it the centre plateau」

Jin's naming style was in full power.

「For the time being, let's cultivate an orchard field around here to be self-sufficient」

「Understood. I will go give Peridot and Topaz the instructions」

To Jin's decision, Reiko agreed. Promptly giving out the instructions.

「So, to the north is a primeval forest. Is it for forestry? There are shrubs and grassland that spread out to the east. A farm would be nice. And to the south is a wetland and grassland, as well as a river. I could make a paddy field」

「Father, what is a paddy field?」

Reiko asks with a puzzled feeling. This was because the knowledge received from Jin was incomplete.

「Aa. A paddy field is for rice, it's a field dedicated to producing rice plants. In my former world, this rice was a staple food」

Reiko seeing Jin with distance eyes,

「Understood. So you would like to eat the crop called 『rice』」

「That's how it is. I don't know if it's in this world, but I want to look. Well, we'll probably leave it for later」

Jin says while continuing to examine the map.

「West is wasteland. The earth and stone from when 『Mt. Hourai』 crumbled and traces of the flowing lava. There may be mineral resources」

「That may be right. It will be a necessary investigation though low in priority」

「So, about 『Tatsumi Bay』」

Reiko changed the topic of the conversation.

「When I transported in search of Father, I talked about how I appeared at the sea, landing back here again at that time. The seabed around here is rich in coral」

「Coral... We can only gather a little. Wait, if there's a coral reef, shouldn't there be plenty of fish?」

In a nature documentary program that he saw long ago, he recalled that there were many fish in coral reefs.

「Yes, there certainly is」

「If that's the case, then it wouldn't be too hard to make a fish tank to raise fish in」

「Then we shall entrust it to a dedicated Golem」

There isn't enough hands to spread out for work. However, Jin had the means to solve it.

「Yeah. At the same time as creating a port at Tatsumi Bay, I want to float out a ship.」

「A ship is it?」

「Aa. I eventually want to make one that is about 200 metres big」

200 metres is completely just Jin's preference.

「And taking a voyage out to sea would be pleasant... well, we'll need to develop motive power first though」

It's still a long way ahead, but it is also something to look forward to.

「Well then, these are the things for now」

Understanding the general topography, Jin took a breather from deciding future objectives, taking a bite of the fruit like an orange and Jin murmured as such.

「Seeing it like this, it was an item of high priority but low value」

After all, the top priority was securing food.

「The 『Peach』, 『Orange』, 『Apple』, 『Lemon』, 『Chestnut』, and 『Walnut』 like fruit trees Father talked about have been transplanted」

「That was fast. As expected of you」

Because they worked using magic along with Peridot and Topaz and their subordinates, it was completed in about 2 days.

「With this done, we'll first need to secure wheat」

The staple food for this world is wheat. Wheat and barley are cultivated.

「We'll need to go buy an amount to eat and use as seeds. However, where would be a good place? Also we have no money」

Although the laboratory had plenty of valuable things, the one thing it did not have is currency.

「I have an idea of a town that may be able to buy it. It is the 5th place I transported to」

「That's good. Well then, let's go together. So for money, a 『Magic Crystal』 or something I make should be good to sell」

To this, Reiko tilts her head to the side. It's not unreasonable as Jin and Reiko did not know much about this world.

「Un, then let's bring several 『Magic Crystal』, I have no other choice but to go with the decision you made」

「Well, I think it is fine」

「Alright, then let's go」

「Yes. The corresponding 『Warp Gate』 is here」

The destination was neatly written on the 『Warp Gate』 Reiko set up. The 『Warp Gate』 was connected to 『Blue Land』.

「Is this 『Blue Land』 a town?」

「No, it is a city rather than a town. The 『Warp Gate』 is hidden in the forest about 3 kilometres away」

「Got it. Let's go」

And so the 2 were transported to 『Blue Land』.

CHAPTER 3

RED HAIRRED GIRL

Jin and Reiko were in the cave of the 《Warp Gate》 they emerged from. After leaving there, as Reiko had said, they were surrounded by a thick forest.

「Un, I wonder if this should be about slightly south of Hourai Island? No, probably because the longitude is shifted」

「Father, what do you mean by that?」

「Aa. I determined that from the position of the sun」

Jin left Hourai Island at around 1pm. Looking around, it seemed to be before noon. It was natural that the altitude of the sun was different.

「That would mean between Hourai and here, the longitude shifted about less than 10 degrees. Knowing the distance I can understand the size of this world」

「?」

Jin calculated the angle using a unique measurement ability of the 《Magi Craft Meister》, however Reiko did not seem to comprehend.

The knowledge in regards to this kind of thing was not transferred to Reiko, however the explanation would be left for later as there was no time, Jin said, and proceeded to walk into the forest.

「Now then, that voice calling for help came from somewhere here」

「No, I do not hear such a voice」

「...」

Jin was troubled as to what to reply.

「W-Well then... so, which way is Blue Land?」

「Yes, it is this way」

Reiko took the lead and guided Jin. The undergrowth is short so walking was easy.

「Are there no wild beasts?」

Jin asked while walking,

「Yes. From what I have checked there are only small herbivorous animals. Even demon beasts cannot be seen」

「So that's it, then that's a relief」

「Yes. Even if there were any, I will protect Father with this body of mine」

The current Reiko could easily take on an entire country, so most things were not a threat.

After walking for 30 minutes, the forest stopped and a grassland appeared. A rampart could be seen on the other side.

「That is Blue Land」

「I see, so it's a Fort City」

A Fort City that is surrounded by stone walls, that is Blue Land.

After further walking for about 20 minutes, they approached the rampart of Blue Land. Around the rampart were lined up stalls, crowded with people.

「Do we need anything to enter the city?」

「My apologies, I did not enter inside last time therefore I do not know」

「I see. Well for now, we'll take a look at the stalls while gathering information. I will be able to understand the currency and level of tools here」

「Understood.」

So the two decided to look around the stalls together.

And because of that, they were able to understand a few things.

First, language. So far, the words Jin spoke in Kaina Village were the same.

Next, currency. This tooru was also the same.

After that, this country is called the Egelea Kingdom, it was the same as the Cline Kingdom that Kaina Village belonged to, a country of small groups.

And finally, this Blue Land is referred to as the economic centre of the Egelea

And so they gathered information while looking around.

「Oh, is this a 『Magic Crystal』? No, it's a 『Magic Stone』.」

There was a store that sold 『Magic Stone』 in a variety of colours.

「They aren't very big... geh, 1 for 1000 tooru!?」

It was about 10,000 yen.

「So it's 1000 tooru for this small one.」

「Oh, are you gonna buy it lad?」

Though the owner of the stall said that,

「No, it's a shame but I'm afraid I don't have enough on hand.」

Jin said running away.

「But for such a 『Magic Stone』 to be 1000 tooru. Then how much would this 『Magic Crystal』 go for?」

Jin had brought red 《Magic Crystals》 for money. Roughly, the market price of a 《Magic Crystal》 is 10 to 20 times that of a 《Magic Stone》.

「It will be difficult to sell...」

He wanted to avoid being too conspicuous.

「Reiko, were there any 《Magic Stone》 in the Laboratory?」

「They were disposed of because there was no way to use them, therefore I believe there should be if we go to the disposal location」

「Ah, the market would go into chaos if we sold it without a plan」

On modern Earth, there was a rumour about an organisation called the Diamond Syndicate that did this. Jin is the 《Magi Craft Meister》, so this was outside his expertise.

「Shall we leave selling them for next time?」

They decided to give up on procuring money for today and finish looking around.

「There doesn't seem to be many stalls that deal with Magic Tools」

From what he had seen so far, he had yet to see such a stall. Reiko to the Jin who was looking for more,

「Father is the only 《Magi Craft Meister》 in the world, so there shouldn't be any need for a reference should there?」

「Aa, thank you. However, you never know what kind of interesting idea you might stumble upon in this place. I believe a 《Magi Craft Meister》 should not be conceited and remain modest」

「If that is what Father says」

Reiko was devoted to Jin no matter what.

At that time, they found a shop that placed out Magic Tools to the edge of the lined up stalls.

「It's kind of... shabby」

Jin saw the goods being sold and muttered. That was his honest impression,

「What did you say!？」

It was a small mutter, but having seemed to have heard it, the girl that tended to the store was enraged.

「Are you trying to find fault with our goods?」



Standing up, the girl glared at Jin, her age was about 15 or 16. Only slightly shorter than Jin, she had wavy fiery like red hair and red eyes. Though she looked stern, 9 out of 10 people would say she was a beautiful girl.

「Say something!」

Jin realised that the mutter he had carelessly leaked was heard and thought how he should explain himself.

Faster than Jin could open his mouth, Reiko answered.

「He only said his honest impression. Is it wrong to speak about the truth?」

And oil was poured on the fire.

「IT'S BAD! THE PEOPLE BUYING WILL DECREASE!」

「From the looks of thing, nothing seems to be being sold. Could it decrease anymore from what is originally not there?」

「W-WHAT DID YOU SAAAAY!?」

「You should stop pushing the responsibility onto other people and take a look at reality.」

「YOU SURE SAID WHAT YOU WANTED TO!!」

「No, I did not want to say it, however I reluctantly explained it for you」

「YOU.....!!!」

The red haired girl took out a rod from somewhere, swinging it down while aiming at Reiko.

CHAPTER 4

HELPER

「What are you trying to do?」

Reiko casually took the rod the red haired girl held. In doing so, small sparks could be seen flying off.

「Eh?」

「This is a dangerous toy」

Reiko snapped that rod she snatched in half.

「W-W-Wh...」

At that time, the man from the neighbouring stall,

「Oi, could you take your fuss somewhere else. You're obstructing business」

Making that complaint, the two that were quarelling lost their timing to open their mouth and Jin,

「Ah, sorry about that. Reiko, stop it. And you, come with me for a moment」

Saying that, he took the arm of the red haired girl, bringing her to the shade of trees a slight distance away from the stalls. And,

「I apologise for that incident with my companion Reiko, sorry」

He started apologising. Reiko stayed quiet behind him. The girl,

「Y-Y-You, who the hell are you guys? Taking the 『Cane of Paralysis』 with you barehand, then snapping it into 2... oh right! My 『Cane of Paralysis』! What are you going to do about this! It's expensive, this thing!」

「For now could you calm down?」

There would be another fuss if he left it alone, so Jin calmed the girl.

「Haa... haa...」

To the girl who was taking breaths,

「Anyways, let's introduce ourselves. I'm Jin. This is Reiko. You?」

「I-I'm Beana」

「Nice to meet you, Beana」

Saying that, Jin received the cane that was still in Reiko's hand.

「Fu-n, so there's a small lightning attribute 《Magic Stone》 built into the handle part」

「Eh?」

「That will spread through the entire cane, and so you'll receive an electric shock on contact」

「Eh? Eh?」

「The cane's materials... is ash, huh? Definitely, a tree is a good conductor of magic, however it's a tree after all so the efficiency will probably be poor」

「Eh? Eh? Eh?」

「The 《Magic Formula》 invocation... uwa, the writing is sloppy. Half or more of the magic power is going to waste」

「Eeeeeeehhhh!?」

Beana couldn't hide her surprise from Jin who very easily analysed the operation principles behind the 『Cane of Paralysis』 .

「Y-You, Jin was what you said... who in the world are you?」

「I'm... a 《Magic Craftsman》」

Jin returned the broken cane to Beana while saying that. A 《Magic Craftsman》 wasn't too far and sounded better.

「You too?」

「'Too', that would mean Beana is also a 《Magic Craftsman》?」

「Right. Though it might not look like it, but I diligently trained under 『Gradia Hampton-sensei』 for 2 years!」

Beana puffed out her not really big chest out, but,

「Who's that?」

That was the kind of response Jin gave.

「"Who's that?"... you don't know?」

「Aa, I don't know」

「『Gradia Hampton-sensei』 is a famous 《Magic Craftsman》!」

「So that's how it is.」

Beana who was worked up, and in contrast was a composed Jin.

「Well anyway, I apologise for criticising your goods and snapping the cane」

Jin made another apology. Because of Jin's frank apology, Beana,

「It was also my bad for trying to hit with it」

Bowed to apologise, but then noticed something,

「O-Oh right! You, you said my work was shabby didn't you!?」

「Aa, that's why I'm apologising」

「I'm not angry... no, I'm a little angry, but」

Beana hesitated to continue there. The brows on her face knitted, and while red, she cast her eyes down to think before she eventually seemed to have made up her mind,

「You said, "shabby", that means if it's you, you can make something better right? Please! Lend me your help!」

「Eh?」

Not expecting for the conversation to go in that direction, Jin was taken aback.

「Please! I need money no matter what! Besides, I absolutely need to sell something I make! But I can't even sell one thing! Please! Lend me your help!」

「Wa-Wait a moment」

Trying to calm the wild Beana once again,

「Please explain it in order. First, Beana needs money right?」

「R-Right!」

「Why do you need it?」

「Do I have to explain it?」

With a hung head, Beana glanced upwards and gazed. Completely changing from her meek behaviour just before.

「That is, well... even if I lend a hand, I don't know why. What kind of merit is there for me?」

「Uuu... I get it. I'll bear the shame and speak... it's to cure my brother and sister's illness」

「So it's an illness. Then there's a doctor, medicine will be necessary, and... your parents?」

Beana looked down gloomily having heard that. And with a sorrowful voice,

「They fell ill when I was learning from Gradia Hampton-sensei, both of them」

「I... see. Sorry, I'm sorry to hear that.」

To Jin who was bowing his head in apology, Beana in a cheerful voice,

「It's fine. So, because an unreasonable tuition was made for sensei to teach, there's now a debt and we have no money」

He didn't expect for the stubborn Beana to tell him about her circumstances. Jin was weak to this kind of thing.

「I understand. I don't know what I can do, but to apologise for the cane, I'll help you out」

「Really!? Thank you, Jin!」

Beana jumped up and rejoiced.

「Then... what should we do?」

「Right... it's about time to close up here, so could you guide me to Beana's workshop?」

「E-Ee... it's untidy though」

And so with that, having just met the red haired girl, Jin ended up helping out Beana.

CHAPTER 5

UPGRADE, IMPROVEMENT

「Here is my workshop. It's a bit small」

Beana had guided him to her workshop. It was in the outskirts of Blue Land, a fairly remote place. To that, Beana,

「Inside the city? Only the rich and nobles live there. All the typical commoners live outside the rampart」

Said how it was. Jin felt corrupt politics, however it was unrelated to him so he stopped thinking about it.

Beana's workshop was about 10 tatami mats in size. It would be normal if it's a private workshop. However there were few devices and tools there..

「Leaving this aside, where's your brother and sister?」

Jin was concerned about the sick siblings.

「They are in the house behind here. You don't have to worry about them」

「I cannot do that. Could you show me their condition at least?」

To the persistent Jin, Beana,

「You, do you know anything about illnesses?」

「A reasonable amount」

「I-Is that so now? Well, I'll let you take a look just to make sure」

So they headed to the house behind the workshop. Closer to a hut than a house though.

「It's because I used the money on the workshop」

Beana was a little embarrassed.

「Nana, Raldo, how are you feeling?」

Entering the house, Beana called out to the two younger siblings who were lying next to the door of a room.

「Onee-chan, you're early today」

The little sister Nana. About 12 years old and had the same red hair as Beana.

「Un, I'm fine. The same as always」

The one to answer was the little brother Raldo. Also about 12 years old. He had light brown hair. Both were emaciated.

「Who's this person?」

Noticing Jin who was behind Beana, Nana asked. Jin introduced himself.

「I am Jin. An acquaintance of Beana, I will be helping in the workshop」

Saying that Raldo,

「Really? Onee-chan's sensei is a famous 『Magic Craftsman』. That's why Onee-chan is also a great 『Magic Craftsman』！」

Because he said it with pride,

「Aa, that's right. I am also still learning various things」

When Jin said that, the face of Reiko who was outside the room had stiffened.

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Jin returned to the workshop from the house.

「So? Did you figure something out about their illness?」

From their weary appearance and bleeding gums, Jin thought it might be scurvy, but because he wasn't confident,

「Un, I can think of something but I'm not confident about it」

He stopped with that answer.

「I see, like I thought. It's fine since I didn't have any expectations though」

Beana said, warming up the soup for the lunch of the siblings.

With this opportunity, Jin gave Reiko instructions.

「Reiko, quickly return to the laboratory and find a 『Magic Stone』 please. After that, I need you to bring a lot of the peach-like fruit」

「But then Father will be left alone」

To Reiko who was worried,

「It'll be okay. I wouldn't imagine there being any danger here, quickly go and come back」

「Okay, understood. I will be quickly going now. Please do not do anything dangerous」

Saying that, Reiko disappeared like the wind. Then Beana came back.

「A-re, are you alone? Where's Reiko?」

「Aa, I asked Reiko to run me a little errand. She should come back soon. So let's get started」

「Fuu-n? Well i guess that's fine. Then let's sit there」

The two sat down in the chairs on both sides of the workbench made of thick wood.

「Well then, what shall I do? I'll leave the choice to Beana」

Jin saying that,

「Right, well could you have a look at this?」

Beana placed a lamp on top of the workbench. It was something common that any house used.

「A magic lamp, huh?」

「This, it was the first thing I learnt to make from sensei's place. These are the basics right? That's why I want you to take a look」

「I understand」

Jin looked at it in his hand. The magic power of the 《Magic Stone》 and the 《Magic Formula》 on the 《Plate》 that converts it into light. The 《Magic Stone》 attribute doesn't matter as it's the basics.

「Un, the main frame is skillfully made. The 《Magic Formula》 is sloppy so the conversion efficiency is poor」

「You also said the 《Magic Formula》 is sloppy before. Then show me a better example」

If he showed his ability here then she would compliantly listen afterwards, Jin thought.

「Do you have a 《Plate》 to write a 《Magic Formula》 on? ... Aa, that will be fine」

Upon contact with the 《Magic Stone》 the magic will invoke, so to speak, the 《Plate》 plays the role of a catalyst. So Jin showed his 《Magic Formula》 that he engraved.

「Magic Absorption, Magic Collection, Magic Stabilisation, Magic Conversion, Magic Invocation」

「Wa-Wait a minute. What is 『Magic Collection』 and 『Magic Stabilisation』? I wasn't taught those things?」

While showing the 《Plate》 that Jin had finished carving a formula on to Beana,

「Because the magic power of 《Magic Stone》 is not pure, the instability is great. Therefore the light will flicker if you convert immediately after absorbing」

From Jin's explanation, Beana recalled it does happen,

「Aa, that's true, the light does flicker. Was there such a reason for it?」

「Yep. Try switching with this 《Plate》 and it will shine」

So Beana set the 《Plate》 Jin had engraved, activating the lamp.

「《On》！」

The lamp then lit up brightly. After looking it for a while, Beana,

「《Off》！」

She turned off the lamp and faced Jin,

「Certainly, there was no flickering and it was bright. Your mouth isn't just all talk」

With a bitter smile, Jin further,

「If you want to market this, just the main frame isn't enough. It's one thing if it's the work of a famous 《Magic Craftsman》, however for a nameless rookie you won't be able to gain notice」

「I see...」

She seemed to have become willing to listen compliantly. Here Jin,

「Other things too. They produce things from ideas, that is why customers come back to buy from famous 《Magic Craftsman》 but as it's not like that, first we need to think about what kind of work the customer wants」

「Certainly... You, Jin, you're amazing」

Though it's not to the degree of knowing about business, it seemed to be something fresh to Beana. She began thinking seriously. Then she took out another Magic Tool and showed it to Jin.

「Well then, here's a Magic Tool to create a barrier」

「Un」

Jin examined it in his hand, then suddenly stopping his hands, he frowned.

「...」

「What is it?」

「This, what do I use it for?」

「To put up a barrier」

「That I understand. Against what, what is this barrier put up for?」

「Eh?」

Beana did not answer Jin's question.

「Haa... so you made it without thinking about it. From how it looks, it's fine to try out right?」

「E-Ee. Because that is my newest production」

Beana answered, Jin took out the 《Plate》 of the Magic Tool to create a barrier he was holding,

「About this formula here, this, it can create a barrier to defend against many things right?」

「Ee that's right. Impact, Water, Fire, Lightning, Wind」

There Jin,

「That's it. Listen, that alone, a barrier to defend against all of that is definitely amazing. However, when using this 《Magic Stone》, it can't create a large barrier right?」

「Pretty much. It should be about the size for luggage」

「That there is the problem. Besides the people inside, others can't enter so invoking it just once means it won't be released until the 《Magic Stone》 is exhausted of its magic power」

「Eehhh? Oh it's true, I didn't notice that...」

Jin pointing things out still continued.

CHAPTER 6

THERE'S NO RESPONSE. IT'S JUST...

「Do you understand? Then this is called a defective product」

「T-Then what do I do?」

「In this case you should determine how long the barrier lasts beforehand, or at least weaken the strength against air a little bit」

Beana was puzzled by the explanation.

「I understand about designating the time, but what about the strength against air?」

「You know how you release a voice? Your voice is the vibrations of air. Therefore your voice won't reach if it passes through weak air」

Beana remained puzzled by the explanation.

「Your voice the vibration of air? What is that about?」

Jin heaved a sigh. He didn't feel like doing a science class.

「Well, it'll be fine if we leave that be. The last thing, the strength of the created barrier, I believe it will exhaust the magic power of the 《Magic Stone》 within a minute. Is there a reason for the barrier to last for such a short time?」

「Ahh」

「Hey, not just the efficiency but the usability, it's no good if you don't think about the balance of these things」

「Balance?」

「Aa, to do in moderation and not focus on one side, that's what I mean」

「Un, I see...」

Although only given advice twice, Beana already seemed to be aware of the defects of her works and began to ponder with her arms folded.

There Reiko returned.

「Father, I have returned」

「Aa, good job」

「FATHER!? JUST NOW, DID SHE SAY FATHER?」

The word 『Father』 which Jin was called shocked Beana.

「A-re, I haven't told you about it? It's because Reiko is my... well, an 『Automata』 I made」

「『AU-AU-AUTOMATA』 !?」

Beana's eyes opened up and she froze . Jin didn't notice that Beana, turning towards Reiko,

「So, the 『Magic Stone』 ?」

「Since the disposal location is deep underground, I collected only this much and returned for now」

Saying that, 10 『Magic Stones』 the size of the ones they saw at the stalls before were handed over to Jin.

「Oh, if it's this much it'll be fine. You did well. And did you bring back the peaches?」

「Yes, I put them in the basket outside」

When he looked outside Beana's workshop, there was about 20 peaches put inside the large basket.

「Good, nice work.」

And Jin then looked back to Beana who was still frozen.

「Oiii, Beana.」

She remained frozen.

「There's no response. It's just a corpse.」

「But Father, she is still alive.」

Reiko came in with a merciless tsukkomi.

「I know, I just wanted to try saying it once.」

Saying that, Jin tried to lightly hit Beana's cheeks.

「Ah, wh-what, it hurts!」

It seems she rebooted.

「I didn't want to do it, that's why I called out to you before but you didn't answer.」

Jin said to Beana who was flustered,

「Haha... that's right, DID YOU SAY 『A-AUTOMATA』 !? ISN'T THAT 『ARTIFACT』 CLASS! WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN IT?」

Upon hearing that, ahh, another bothersome thing was what he sensed and decided to lie.

「Umm, I found it in ruins much further north from here, it was broken down and I repaired it. Then it became attached to me.」

Reiko slightly frowned upon that answer but Jin didn't notice.

「He-Hee. You've got good luck. I see, so that's why it was able to take on my cane before. I can understand if it's an 『Artifact』.」

The first time he said 『made』, this time he said 『repaired』 but Beana was too surprised about the 《Automata》 Reiko to notice and because she seemed convinced with that,

「So, I asked Reiko to pick me some fruits, do you want to eat them?」

Saying that he pointed at the basket outside, seeing that Beana's eyes opened up again,

「Wh-Wh-Wha, isn't that 『Pelshka』!」

「Pelshka?」

Jin asked upon hearing the unfamiliar name,

「You who brought it yourself don't know? It is called a royal fruit, it's a luxury item imported from islands to the east? Tasty, abundant in nutrients, even most nobles aren't able to eat it」

Jin thought he had done it again but it was already too late.

「Well, umm, I brought this cause the place that Reiko found has a lot. So go ahead and eat it」

「REALLY!? YOU CAN MAKE A KILLING FROM SELLING IT TO THE STALLS YOU KNOW?」

Aa, there was that hand to play too, Jin thought but where he found it and other troublesome things of the like would occur so,

「I have no intentions in selling it. Please give them to your brother and sister to eat too」

He said. And then the overjoyed Beana,

「Is it really okay? Then I'll take two!」

Saying that she took two Pelshka from the basket and headed to the house. Leaving the rest of the Pelshka outside would be a bad idea, so Jin followed Beana with the basket.

Beana carefully peeled it and carefully cut it, serving it on a plate, shortly bringing it to her siblings.

「Here, eat this delicious fruit we received.」

「Un!」

Nana and Raldo delightedly ate the Pelshka.

「This is delicious!」

「Right, go ahead and eat it all.」

Beana smiled while watching Nana and Raldo eat.



When Beana returned to the kitchen with the empty plate, Jin was there eating the Pelshka. 6 fruits were scattered about. That's a lot to eat alone, when Beana thought that,

「That is Beana's share I peeled」

Looking, there were 3 pieces of peeled Pelshka on a plate. Jin seemed to have eaten 3 pieces.

「I-Is it okay to?」

Beana timidly asked,

「It's okay if I say it's okay. You should eat them before they spoil」

Hearing that, Beana finally reached out her hand for the Pelshka. She moved a piece into her mouth.

「Delicious...!」

Previously, when she had studied under the 《Magic Craftsman》, she had the chance to eat one small piece at Gradia Hampton's place, but the taste this time, it was several times greater.

That was only natural, it would be harvested when it is unripe then circulate in the country and distributed when it ripens. On the other hand, the ones Jin brought ripened on their tree, furthermore they were freshly harvested.

「I didn't think it would be so delicious!」

The Pelshka on the plate was quickly gone.

「The rest I'm giving to Beana and your siblings, you should eat them before they spoil」

There was still about 10 left in the basket.

「...is that okay?」

「Like I said, it's okay if I say it's okay」

Like the first time, Jin told Beana who received the Pelshka,

「Thank you, Jin」

She said her thanks.

CHAPTER 7

THIS TIME FOR SURE, A REFRIGERATOR

「Now then, what kind of thing can we sell?」

「Let's see, from what Jin has said, we'll need to think about what kind of thing the other side will want to use」

Beana seemed to have understood a little.

「Isn't there anything?」

And then Jin remembered the thing he had thought about but couldn't make.

「Hey Beana, it's warm around this area right?」

「That's right, what about it?」

「Also snow doesn't fall here.」

「Well, I've never seen actual snow before. I've only seen the white on the distant mountains. What about it?」

So Jin in order to test Beana,

「Hey, about the Pelshka fruit from before, how long do you think they'll last?」

「Eh? Let's see, about a good 2 days since they're just ripe」

To Beana's answer, Jin,

「Isn't there a way to preserve it for longer?」

Asked. Beana thought for a little while, then her face suddenly lit up,

「I got it! A magic tool to preserve food!」

「Correct」

Jin also smiled.

「That's right... I've never heard of a magic tool like that before」

To Beana who answered,

「To start with, how is food preserved?」

「Well... you can dry it or you can pickle it with salt」

There Jin,

「In areas where snow falls, things like vegetables get covered with the snow that falls」

Tried to say. Then Beana,

「I see, there's also the hand of cooling it. But isn't that difficult? The magic power consumption of continuously using ice type magic isn't a small amount」

Towards Beana, Jin grinned and laughed,

「That's exactly why. Attempting to make that kind of magic tool is what makes a 『Magi Craft Mei』 ... a 『Magic Craftsman』」

Jin had almost said 『Magi Craft Meister』. Though Beana didn't notice that,

「Right. That's true. I'll try it!」

Although Beana had braced herself,

「Ah... you can't. There's no more 『Magic Stones』 in stock. There's not enough money to buy it either」

Hanging her head, she fell silent and muttered. To that Beana, Jin,

「You can use this」

Reiko placed 2 《Magic Stones》 she had brought on the workbench. One was a fire type, and the other one was an earth type.

「Eh? No way, there's no way I can accept so much」

Beana who could not take it refused, however Jin,

「Well then, once you are able to make the new magic tool you can return the favour with the profits made from selling. Will that be fine?」

「Uuu... my debt has increased again... if it's already like this there's no way I can give up. I will gratefully use this」

「Alright, that's the spirit. Then, think about how to construct it」

As Jin knew of the thing called the refrigerator, he was already half complete, however it was different for Beana.

「Hmm, the shape would probably be a box. A cover attached that can open and close so things like vegetables can be put in it. So to keep the inside cold」

「That's about right, the foundations are something like that」

「The box and cooling magic, those two are the essentials」

「I believe so. It's better if the box can't transmit heat as much as possible」

Jin saying that,

「Why... aah, I see. We want to keep the things inside cool」

Beana showed a fairly sharp side of her.

「That's how it is. Therefore the walls of the box should be thick, and a barrier against fire if we can build it」

「Against fire?」

「Aa. A barrier against fire would protect the cooling right?」

In short, heat would be blocked off. To what Jin had pointed out,

「Oh yeah... I didn't notice that」

Beana mumbled, staring at Jin,

「You, could you perhaps be amazing?」

Reiko responded to that.

「Father is the best in the world」

「Yes yes. That's right. Your Father is the best in the world... Then with that, the problem is the cooling magic」

For the time being Beana spilled that out. And Reiko frowned. Jin with his my pace,

「Wouldn't cooling be simple? Isn't there an ice producing magic?」

「One use of 『Ice』 is brief. That's the kind of thing it is」

『Ice』 is a magic to freeze water and other things.

「Isn't that fine? Ice is made inside the box, then it can make ice again once that ice is used up」

「Aah, I see! By doing that, there's no need to continuously operate it!」

Beana gradually got the design to come together.

「Aa. That's why...」

When Jin tried to say the 『Magic Sequence』 ,

「Wait a minute. Let me say it... Ice producing, ice monitoring, ice producing, and repeat. So ice producing once the content, the ice of the ice monitoring is used up」

Thinking for a little bit, Jin added on.

「Let's see. Having it a little bit before the ice is used up should be good. The others I think are fine」

「Yep yep, I feel like I'll be able to do it」

So they decided to make the box first. The base was made of wood, and the pivotal points were reinforced with bronze. Vertical, it was a modern refrigerator type with the ice room made at the top.

「So the ice is made here」

「Yes. Because cold air sinks down to the bottom. The ice being on top is the basics」

「I'm jealous that Jin has that kind of knowledge」

And for the essential cooling section. He wrote on a 『Plate』 a 『Magic Formula』 for it to operate.

「Like this, this way, this goes like that, ngh」

Beana wracked her brains while writing bit by bit. Of course magic was used for this 『writing』 .

「Putting this this way will be better I believe」

「Ah, right, it'll be shorter that way」

Modifications can be made before the last of the work with what is called 『etching』 . Jin supervised Beana while she constructed an adequate 『Magic Formula』 .

「Alright, with this it's done. What do you think Jin?」

Jin scanned over the 『Magic Formula』 ,

「Yep, I think it's fine. With this there should be room to have a simple barrier inside the box」

「So it's like that. Whether it's a skillful or unskillful 『Magic Formula』, I can tell the magic consumption for this is different from the first time」

And so it was compete by inserting the 『Plate』 and the source of power, the 『Magic Stone』.

「It's done!」

「Good work. Let's immediately test it out. We should put in the Pelshka from before」

「Okay」

And so, the remaining 12 Pelshka were placed inside,

「『Cooling』」

It immediately operated. Waiting for a little bit, they opened the door to see the ice was made at the top inside the box. It seemed to have gone well.

「Well then, I'll be going since it's nearly night」

「Is that so? Thank you for today Jin. Will you come back tomorrow?」

「Aa. Well see you later」

Saying that, Jin together with Reiko left Beana's workshop.

「... ah」

A little bit after Jin left,

「Come to think of it, I wonder where Jin lives?」

There was no one to answer Beana's question.

CHAPTER 8

POPCORN

The next morning. This time Jin brought a basket of orange-like fruits alone, visiting Beana's workshop. Reiko stayed behind in order to give new instructions to the Maid Golem group on 『Hourai Island』.

「Good morning」

「Ah, good morning Jin」

「Today I've brought this」

Showing the orange-like fruit in the basket to Beana,

「This is Citran」

「I don't really know about it but I brought it because it's bittersweet and delicious」

「This doesn't grow around here? Jin, you, where the heck did you come from?」

It was a natural question.

「Aah, let's see, could be postpone the explanation for a little while longer? I'll eventually say it, but right now is a bit」

When Jin said that, Beana seemed slightly unsatisfied,

「Muu... it can't be helped. Because I did ask for and received help」

While saying that she received the basket of Citran.

「So how's the condition of the refrigerator?」

「Refrigerator?」

「A-Aa. The magic tool we made yesterday」

「F-un, 『Refrigerator』 huh? That's a pretty good name」

Naturally because it was not a name given by Jin.

「And so, about that refrigerator, I've discovered one flaw」

「What is it?」

Beana guided to the kitchen where the refrigerator was placed and there,

「Look」

「Aah, I see」

The floor was flooded. The ice used for cooling melted, and the water dripped onto the floor.

「Yeah, what should we do」

「The water from the melted ice needs to not fall down. But then keeping it cool will be difficult」

The result from the 2 thinking, they decided to put the ice in a metal container. The ice that melts would be frozen again to use.

「Copper looks good to use」

「Why? Iron is cheaper right now?」

「Iron can rust so the durability will be a problem. Also copper can propagate cold air easily」

「Is that so? Anyway, Jin sure seems to know a variety of things」

「I guess so. Now let's immediately reform it」

Putting the minor details aside, the two immediately started reforming it.

There was no problem with the coldness inside so when the leak was gone, the 『refrigerator』 was more or less complete.

「It's done」

「Ee. Well then, should we make about 3 of them?」

Beana used the prototype while looking for flaws, besides the plans for various tests, they decided the amount to make to market.

「We'll need to improve the exterior appearance since it's for sale」

Saying that, Jin made a wooden case painted white. It's what's called a 『large household appliance』.

「Oooh, this feels good」

Because they had a sample, they were able to complete 3 by noon. They had yet to insert the 『Magic Stone』 so it was not operating.

「It's done」

「Aa, good work」

「It's already noon. I can't offer much, but would you like to eat together?」

「If you're fine with it」

So Beana went to the kitchen. She seemed to cook something. A short while after, the vegetable soup was finished.

「Nana and Raldo will come and eat, so go ahead and eat first」

Though that was said,

「No, I won't do that. Right, I'll bring them peeled Citran」

Saying that, Jin took 2 Citran fruit and together with Beana, he moved to the room of the siblings.

「Ah, Jin-oniichan」

Finding Jin behind Beana, Raldo raised his voice.

「Yo. Today I'll peel you Citran」

Saying that, Jin peeled the Citran. He peeled it with his hand like with an orange, it was easy.

「It's bittersweet and delicious!」

Nana was delighted. Beana gazed at the two while they ate with a broad smile.

The two came back to their meal in the kitchen. The soup was cooked with various vegetables, and the seasoning wasn't bad. However,

「Hn?」

He felt something hard.. Beana to Jin,

「Sorry. The corn is hard right? It was the cheapest thing and so it doesn't go soft no matter how much I boil it」

Jin stared at the corn and tried to slowly chew it.

「This feeling, could it be... Beana, is there still any of this corn?」

「E-Ee. I bought a bag of it so there should still be about 8 kilograms left」

Jin hurriedly consumed the soup after hearing that and had her show him the corn. Jin looked at what he fiddled with on his hand,

「With this I might be able to do it」

With that said, he had Beana head to the workshop after she finished eating.

「What's the matter?」

To Beana who was confused,

「I came up with something that can quickly make money」

Saying that he issued instructions to Beana, and they began making a magic tool.

「Right. 1 medium sized shallow pot... also, 1 large sized dense pot. Hang the shallow pot like this, insert the 『Magic Stone』 below」

While saying that, Jin wrote a 『Magic Formula』 on the 『Plate』. Seeing that Beana,

「Eh? If my eyes haven't gone strange, isn't that a lightning type formula? Wouldn't you use a fire type for a pot?」

Then Jin grinned and laughed,

「That's a feature of this tool. Often people see that lightning generated is minuscule, moreover it changes in extremely short intervals」

「Such a thing... can be done」

Jin assembled the tool together with Beana, furthermore Beana,

「Could I have the corn from before, also a little bit of oil and salt?」

Putting the oil, salt and corn in the hanging pot,

「It will be amusing if it works」

Murmuring that, the tool activated.

A slightly sweet smell came immediately after, suddenly 『POP』 was the sound that made together with the corn that popped. Beana who was surprised,

「Wha-What is it?」

「Alright! It's a success」

One popped, and one after another the corn popped. The corn that popped was collected by the large pot placed below. Soon the corn in the top pot was exhausted and Jin stopped the tool.

「Now, let's try eating it」

The large pot had collected the popped corn. Jin picked one up and ate it.

「Yup, it's good」

Beana having seen that, tried eating a popped corn herself. And,

「Ah. Delicious」

She became engrossed in eating it. The popped corn in the pot was quickly gone.

「Fuu, that was delicious. It makes you want to eat more」

「Right? It's called popcorn. Selling this at the stall will be profitable I believe」

「Ah, that's right! I'll try it out immediately tomorrow!」

「Even if the refrigerator is bought no one will look. If the popcorn becomes famous then you might be more known」

「You're right. I'm glad I can earn my living expenses for now. Jin, thank you!」

「What is it... ah, this, if there's no hard skin on the corn then it won't pop well so be careful」

「Really? That's good. ? I thought it would be more delicious if I used expensive corn」

And so, Jin and Beana decided to go out to buy corn, oil, and salt.

Either way it was cheap so Beana could buy it, Jin received one bag of corn and returned home.

CHAPTER 9

HOURAI ISLAND IS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Upon returning to Hourai Island, what awaited Jin was a mountain of reporting.

「The result of investigating the west side of the wasteland, granite, oya stone and other materials can be collected in large quantities. For mineral resources there is an abundance of iron ore, but not many of the other minerals were collected」

「Please store the high quality iron ore that is mined」

「A fence has been made on the east side of the grasslands, preparations for a farm has been made」

「Aah, as soon as it's done, purchase cattle and sheep with money」

「The establishment of the port of Tatsumi Bay has finished, two fish tanks for experiment have arranged」

「Please continue to investigate the types of fishes」

「The orchard of the plateau is finished」

「After this I'll make a refrigerator, so please leave the harvested fruit in there」

「A list for the forest area of the north side has been completed.」

「So there a rubber tree there, huh? That is good」

Etc, etc, etc. After all that, the reports continued until the next day, going to Beana's place became a rest day.

「Of course I'll be tired...」

The work the Golem Maids did was more than Jin expected.

「How is it going on your side Father?」

After finishing the report, Reiko came to ask.

「Aa. The prototype of the refrigerator is complete. Also the popcorn」

「Popcorn?」

「It's food made from this corn」

Jin took out the bag of corn he had brought and showed it. The one to receive it was Topaz.

「I will see to immediately sowing this in the field」

「Aa, please do so」

Topaz gave instructions to her subordinate golems.

「Now then, let's go ahead and make a refrigerator」

「I will help」

Reiko headed towards the workshop with Jin.

「Rather than putting in a 《Magic Stone》, using a 《Magic Crystal》 should be fine」

Taking out a water type 《Magic Crystal》, Jin immediately carved a 《Magic Formula》.

A 《Magic Crystal》 compared to a 《Magic Stone》 is dozens of times to hundreds of times longer lasting so he directly used carving for the 《Magic Formula》. The frequent need to replace 《Magic Stones》 is why 《Plates》 are used.

「It doesn't produce ice but directly cools it」

It would be impossible for Beana, but Jin was able to easily configure the 《Magic Formula》.

「Father, the case is complete」

Reiko had made the body of the refrigerator.

「Okay. The case just needs to be given an insulation barrier. With this it's done」

「It is complete」

The finished product was 1 metre in height, 70 centimetres in width, and 60 centimetres in depth.

「Okay, let's put the food in. It will be tasty to eat when cool」

「Understood, I will put them in later」

「Okay, next the unused room for the refrigerator, no I'll remodel it into a refrigerated room」

He meant to create a storehouse for fruits, nuts, grains, and corn.

「If that's the case, I believe the first floor interior would be best」

Though it was a huge refrigerator, with Jin and Reiko cooperating, the size wasn't much of a problem. The immediately brought the fruits to the completed refrigerated room.

Similarly, Jin made another room a freezer. It was because freezing was better for long-term preservation. It could also make ice.

Fruits and nuts were also stored there.

Once things finished it was already evening. Jin headed to the dining room installed in the Laboratory however,

「Aah, fruits and nuts are today's meal too...」

He let out a complaint. Reiko hearing that,

「Father, although it's not much, there's bread and dried meat」

「REALLY!?」

Jin asked in a fluster.

「Yes. In fact, just the other day, while Father was in Beana's workshop, I made money by selling 『Magic Stone』 at a stall. There I bought it. Did I perhaps do something unnecessary?」

Reiko answered seemingly worried. But Jin,

「There's no way, it's great you noticed Reiko. I'm glad」

Saying that, Reiko held out a baked bread, and dried meat.

「Yeah, it's good」

Jin ate the dried meat and bread in both hands. The seasoning was just right. Seeing that Reiko smiled,

「I am glad」

However, the bread and dried meat was for one meal.

「It would be good if you can secure food tomorrow」

Jin thought while eating. And then he came up with an idea.

「That's right, Reiko, besides that I want to build a house」

「A house is it?」

「Aa. This Laboratory is an absolute secret, in the case if I were to bring someone, leading them to the house outside is the minimum we need to protect the secret」

Then Reiko slightly frowned,

「... is this about Beana-san?」

「No, it's not particularly about Beana. A house near a 『Warp Gate』, I thought would be good. In any case, we won't know where we'll arrive further in the future, it will be a drawback to buying things like grain or livestock」

「So it's that kind of thing. I understand. If that's the case, I'll make it with the help of Soleil and Luna」

「It shouldn't be too big of a house okay? It doesn't matter if it's small. Let's see, about twice that of Beana's house would be fine. A simple workshop should also be made as a dummy」

「Roger, leave it to me」

With this, Jin was relieved that it was now easy to explain when Beana asks 『where did you come from』.

CHAPTER 10

LIGHTER PRODUCTION

The next morning, Jin visited Beana's house with the apple-like fruits in a basket. Reiko stayed at home today. More precisely, to build the house.

「Beana, are you home?」

He says as he knocks on the door, the door then swiftly opened.

「Jin! You came! ...hm?」

「...」

Jin was struck flying by the door.

「Owwww...」

「So-Sorry」

There was a bump on Jin's forehead, Beana made an apologetic expression having seen that.

「Aah, I'm fine... 『Cure』」

Jin applied recovery magic on himself. Beana was stunned upon seeing that.

「Y-Y-You, you can use recovery magic!?」

「Hn? I can use it for this much. I can only cure it if it's a recent injury」

「That's still amazing...」

「So, why are you so excited?」

Jin asked Beana having cured the bump.

「Ah, right. That 『Popcorn』, it's selling really well!」

According to Beana, at first people bought it out of curiosity, then people who brought it home to eat, and they then returned to buy more having tasted it. Having seen that people came to try it out, and so for the afternoon all 10kg of corn was used up for the afternoon.

「So, for Jin's share, or rather as my gratitude, I want to give you this」

Beana held out 3 silver coins. It was about 3000 yen.

「Wow, you've made quite a profit」

「Yeah. Also, 4 of the magic lamp that were placed to the side were sold」

「Ooh. Just as planned」

As Jin thought, the popcorn would attract customers and the magic tool that was sold was the main.

「And so I decided to open the store at noon and thought I'd make magic tools this morning」

「Oh, did you get some kind of idea?」

Jin asks,

「Yes. Right now I have two. One is a convenient portable magic lamp, the other one is a magic tool to ignite fire」

After Jin thought a little while from what he heard,

「A magic tool to ignite fire, is? I don't really cook much so I don't know what is used」

「Is that so? Well you see, magic usually can't light a fire, so because of that houses preserve the kindling to use for fire lighting」

Fire lighting is a tool for lighting a fire by rubbing two sticks together.

「There is a magic tool to put start a fire, however it's expensive, it isn't something a commoner can put their hands on. That's why I thought something to ignite a fire would be good」

Jin was impressed. Put simply a lighter was what Beana had said.

「Un, isn't that fine? You've already thought of the conception right?」

「Yes, could you listen about it? First the 『Magic Stone』 would...」

Having heard Beana's explanation, Jin,

「I think that's good. You should go ahead and make it」

「Un」

And so the production begins.

「It should be the size to hold in one's palm and a fire should be produced when grasped I believe」

「Un, but because grasping is a bit ambiguous, how about doing it like this?」

Jin explains about a push button.

「Aah, that would be great. When you press here, the 『Magic Stone』 and 『Plate』 touch and operate...」

Thus the lighter was completed.

「Because the 『Magic Stone』 is extremely small it can be a lot cheaper」

It could be used 100 times before the magic stone broke.

「1 for 100 torr, that's too expensive. About 50 torr perhaps?」

Approximately 500 yen. 100 uses so 1 use is 5 yen. It's about right.

「Also, how about when it can no longer produce fire they can come back and you can replace the 《Magic Stone》 for a fee?」

「Aah, I agree. That should be about 20 torr」

「Okay. So, likely, I think this will be imitated soon, so you should sell and earn as much as possible until then」

「Hmm, certainly, it's very likely it will imitated」

Beana also agrees.

「Ah, also, for all your productions from now on, I think you should put on a engraved seal so it's known that it's yours」

「Eh? Why?」

「To distinguish from an imitation for one. Also it is better to start selling your name now」

Beana's face then goes slightly red,

「Y-You think so? I've never thought about such a thing before」

「Yes, I'm not just pulling out compliments, I believe that Beana will become famous from now on」

And because Jin said that with a serious look, Beana's face grew more red,

「Mmm-me, famous? You think」

She began to wriggle about while Jin bitterly smiled,

「From now on that is. Will you think about the engraved design?」

「I-I know」

Incidentally Jin's designs together with his naming sense is deplorable.

For the engraved seal, the design was decided with placing Beana's favourite flower, the lily inside the B of Beana (the characters of this world are very similar to the alphabet).

「Alright, let's engrave it on the lighter」

Jin having said that,

「Lighter?」

「Y-Yeah. This magic tool, named for lighting a fire, I thought to call it a 『lighter』」

「Lighter... un, isn't that fine? Refrigerator was good too, Jin, your sense is great!」

A complete misunderstanding, however Jin was not so stupid to point that out.

The two who made 20 lighters this morning had bread and vegetable soup as well as the apple (apple-like). Incidentally the apple was the comparatively the common fruit.

「Thanks to you my brother and sister are delighted」

Since Jin has brought a variety of fruits, both of them now had an appetite.

「Ah, but I wonder if the apple is a little too hard?」

Beana was worried since they were bleeding from their gums.

「If that's the case, why not turn it into juice or bake it?」

Jin said and Beana's eyes widened.

「Bake? The apple?」

「Yeah. Take out the core, put in sugar and cinnamon, then bake it with a frying pan」

Beana having heard Jin's explanation,

「Sugar is impossible because it's expensive. Also what is cinnamon?」

「Ahh, right, sorry. That's a way of eating it in my hometown. Well then, there's grated apple」

Although Jin had carelessly called it apple,

「Apple? So that's what apples are called from where Jin is from. Un, then we'll go with grated apple」

Saying that Beana grated the apples, bringing it to eat together with the younger siblings.

CHAPTER 11

A DEVICE FOR COMMONERS

After lunch, Jin and Beana went to open the stall.

As usual, a simple table placed at the edge of the stall area with magic tools displayed there. That's how it was supposed to be.

「Wha-What's with this crowd...」

It was already overflowing with people.

「Ah! It's come!」

「Oh, quickly sell the 『Popcorn』 please! My children are waiting」

「Two popcorns, make it quick please!」

「3 popcorns here!」

It seemed like most customers came to buy the popcorn.

「Okay okay, please wait a moment」

Saying that Beana put corn into the popcorn-producing device, adding in oil and salt and activating it. About 3 minutes later the corn began to pop.

「It's always so interesting to see」

「Ohh, smells good」

The finished popcorn is sold packed up in foliage of Breadfruit. Since the leaves of Breadfruit are supple and don't tear easily, it is a leaf that is widely used for packaging.

「Here, thank you for your patronage, that will be 5 copper coins」

1 packet is 5 torr (about 50 yen), it was set well. To begin with, half of it was for publicity.

「Ooh, I've been waiting for this. This is it, this taste!It pulls you back for more」

Some people opened their package on the spot and started eating. Jin was taken aback seeing that popularity, but quickly noticed the thing they had prepared for the goods displayed on top of the table that were prepared.

There was a tag with the name and price of the good. Looking around the stall there were many price tags left to see, however there was close to no description of the goods. And so he had made preparations for this.

「Hey, what is the 『Lighter』 thing?」

Sure enough, the customers lined up to buy the popcorn had bit.

「Yes, this is a magic tool to ignite a fire. This is a sample」

Saying that Jin showed how to use the sample lighter. In his hand was a rectangular case, and pressing the round button attached to centre, a small fire lit up.

「By doing this, you can use it to light a fire」

Having given the demonstration,

「Heeeh, sounds good. Could I have try?」

A housewife perhaps, about 30 women aid that so Jin handed over the lighter.

「Do this... wah, fire came out. So this is connected to wood for lighting. It's convenient that the pilot flame goes out. This is... 50 torr? Un, I want it. Please give me one」

「Okay, thank you for your patronage」



One was immediately sold. Jin received the sample, handing over the good and receiving the money.

「F-un, it looks useful. I'll take one too please」

「Thank you for your patronage」

The customers who were waiting to buy popcorn saw the usefulness of the lighter and people came out to buy it.

「Un, I want it but I don't have any money on me right now, hey, are you coming to sell this tomorrow too?」

「Yes, I'll come」

「Then perhaps I'll buy it tomorrow」

Like that, before the evening, the corn that was prepared was all used up and the lighter had also sold out.

「Shall we go home?」

「Yeah...」

Beana had a worn out face. Not accustomed to it, Jin who was also tired decided to return.

「However, it sure sold well」

「Aah, I was also surprised. More than 200 people came to buy」

「Seems like it. The turnover was remarkable」

The pouch hanging on Beana's waist was full of copper coins. As for Jin, he had a mix of silver and copper coins.

「Can't we go exchange the money?」

Jin asked,

「It's dull since a handling fee is taken」

Was the answer that was returned.

Returning to Beana's house, the turnover was calculated.

Popcorn sales were 2200 torr, the lighter sales were 1000 torr. A total of 3200 torr.

From there the cost of the materials was 500 torr for 10kg of corn, 100 torr for salt, and 300 torr for oil. The magic stone for the lighter was 500 torr and the other things were 100 torr.

「After deduction is a profit of 1700 torr」

About 17000 yen in one day, Jin converted it mentally. It was so-so.

「Then for Jin, half is 850 torr. Here, take it」

A pouch filled with copper coins was presented.

「Wait a moment, I don't need so much」

「But, this is an equal split」

「There's no need for that. The things produced in the workshop are yours and you also supplied the materials. 7 to 3 is fine」

「Umm, then that would be...? Please take 700 torr since it's a pain to calculate. Here, I did receive things like fruits」

Saying that Beana held out 700 torr of silver coins. By the way, the correct calculation is 510 torr.

「... well that's fine」

Jin received it with a bitter smile.

「Now then, since there's still time shouldn't we procure materials?」

「That's right, although I'm tired I need to go buy them by the end of today」

Beana carried a big bag on her for shopping. Jin did too.

「First we'll go buy 《Magic Stones》」

To buy light things Jin stopped Beana who moved to go buy 《Magic Stones》 for the lighter.

「Wait wait, if it's 《Magic Stones》 I can prepare them」

「Eh? Aah, come to think of it, you did you had 《Magic Stones》」

「Yep. I'll sell it at cost price so don't worry」

「I feel bad... but thank you」

So the two went around to buy salt, oil, and corn. Jin had finally obtained barley and wheat for food.

「All the profit has flown away」

Beana was slightly dispirited. Still barely keeping the business, there was no way to have a break.

「A little bit longer and an allowance will appear」

Jin said to comfort her. Beana,

「That's right. I couldn't sell at all before Jin came, there was no room for luxury」

Saying that she raised her face.

「But, the reputation of the lighter, I'm glad. After all, it's worth making something useful for everyone」

「Yeah, I think so too. Well then, you should think of something to make besides making the lighter」

「Ah, are you going home?」

「Aa, sorry. I'll make sure to come tomorrow」

「Ok, thank you for today」

Saying that Jin bid farewell to Beana, returning home carrying the corn and wheat.

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Changing scenes, in the mansion of a noble within the walls. A 12 or 13 year old boy was in a lavish room. Sitting on an also lavish chair. There a servant came over.

「Young Master, I've bought the thing you spoke of」

The servant presented the thing packed in the leaves of Breadfruit.

「Ooh, here it is. Un, let's see」

That was without a doubt popcorn. The boy took a bite,

「Un, delicious! This has a taste I've never had from what I've eaten until now」

While saying that, *munch munch* he ardently ate it all up.

「It's already finished? Oi, go buy me some more」

Saying that the employee had an apologetic expression,

「They've already closed up shop today, you will have to bear till tomorrow to buy more」

Saying that the boy seemed displeased,

「Then order the cook to make it」

CHAPTER 12

CONFESSTION

「Welcome home, Father」

Returning to the laboratory, Reiko came to greet him.

「Although it has become quite dark, the house is complete so please have a look」

「Eh? Already?」

Jin was surprised that Reiko's group had built a house in one day, however Jin did not realise it would have been quicker if he had done it himself.

Putting that aside, looking out besides the laboratory, there stood a Japanese style house with a tiled roof.

「This is...」

「From Father's memory, I looked for a form that was easy to live in」

A single story house with wooden tile-roofing. The walls were plastered with clay.

「Please have a look at the inside too」

Once inside, there is a foyer where you can take off your shoes. The corridor had a wooden floor and dirt floor close together with the kitchen. There were 4 rooms, and contrary to the wooden floor he had expected,

「...tatami?」

The thing that resembled tatami was spread all over.

「According to Father's memory, it is 『soft rush』 right? And so to make it, I saw a similar grass that grew in the wetlands and tried to use it」

To do this much he wouldn't have thought, to make this for him showed how much Reiko thought of Jin.

「Reiko, thank you. You are truly a lovely 『daughter』」

Jin said with a big smile, Reiko was also delighted from being praised.

「I guess I'll sleep here for tonight」

「Yes, go ahead」

That night, Jin spread out a futon and slept in a tatami (tatami-like) room for the first time in a while.

The next morning. Jin ate a gruel of barley for breakfast,

「Reiko, please sell the small 『Magic Stones』 again for money. I then want you to stock up on wheat, barley, and seasoning.」

「Yes, very well. Do I go to Beana-san's place after I'm done?」

「Aah, that's right. If we're not at the stall then we'll probably be at Beana's house」

「Understood」

The 『Magic Stone』 collected on Hourai Island was of high quality so it sold for a fairly high price. Reiko had sold 3 and obtained 5000 torr, using that money to buy wheat and barley.

The price of wheat and barley in the vicinity of Blue Land was 1kg of wheat for 80 torr and 1 kg of barley for 90 torr. By buying 10kg it was slightly cheaper.

Reiko walked while carrying the 60kg of barley and wheat, the clerk of the grain shop was jaw dropped seeing her off.

She handed over a portion of the wheat brought back to Hourai Island to Peridot, cultivating it. The rest was stored as food.

Since salt can be collected from the sea of Hourai Island, by buying a little pepper, Reiko's role was done.

「I'll go earn a little more money」

So Reiko sold another 2 《Magic Stones》, obtaining 3200 torr and headed for where Jin was.

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「Good morning」

「Good morning, Jin」

「I brought Pelshka again today」

「Thank you!」

Beana no longer cared about where the fruits Jin brought were from.

「Somehow, it seems like the condition of my siblings get better from eating this」

「That's good. It's best if he can recover without seeing a doctor」

Jin saying that,

「Jin, do you perhaps know how this happened?」

Saying that Beana gazed at Jin with upturned eyes.

「Aah, I might have thought of it. However, can I say it without being certain? Therefore I kept silent」

「Come to think of it you did say something like that. Hey, what kind of disease is it?」

「Scurvy」

「Sukerubi？」

Beana tilted her head to the unfamiliar word.

「It's a disease that easily appears if one does not eat fresh vegetables and fruit. Beana's vegetables speaking of which, the soup should be enough? When heated up, the special nutrients contained in vegetables will come to an end. Therefore it is meaningful to eat it fresh」

Beana continued to tilt her head while Jin explained,

「Why do you have this knowledge Jin? somehow Jin seems fundamentally different from me」

She said.

「Ahh, I may have received some special education. It's probably because of that」

「Education? Jin, do you attend a school?」

「School?」

「Am I wrong? Then perhaps you meant a tutor? Were you rich? Or are you a noble?」

Jin waved his hands in front of his face,

「No no. How should I say it...」

The house was complete so he thought about it.

「I'm an orphan」

「Eh?」

Beana was bewildered by the sudden confession. Jin continued,

「So, the place where I live is an isolated island. There aren't anymore teachers」

「...」

「That island has an 《Artifact》 called a 《Warp Gate》」

「W-W-Wha, a 《Warp Gate》 you say!!??」

Beana was surprised and flustered. Jin to that Beana,

「Calm down. So, after using it I came out to the side of a forest. And you know the rest afterwards」

Quite a bit was left omitted, but he generally didn't say a lie.

The details were shocking and after a while Beana,

「... I somewhat understand. So that's the reason why Jin is a special 《Magic Craftsman》」

「The fruits are also grown on the island」

Jin appended.

「I see. Thank you. Do you trust me?」

「Aah. Can you not talk to others about it?」

「Of course. Anyway, I think I'll make lighters today too」

「Of course I'll help」

So the two immediately began production of the lighter. Since it sold so well, 40 were prepared today.

Since there was still a little bit of time,

「So, did you come with something else you make?」

Jin asked. Beana,

「Ah, yes. You see, can't we make a magic tool that produces hot water?」

「The lighter can simply light a fire to reach the point for that can't it?」

When Jin rejected so,

「It's different. Though I say hot water, it's not the boiling water used for cooking, for example washing your hands, or wiping your body, that kind of hot water.」

With that explanation Jin clapped his hand in admiration,

「Aah, I see. I got it」

That is to say a magic tool like the modern Earth water heater. It would be great if it could make moderately hot water.

「It doesn't seem so complicated」

「Right? So I thought of placing something that generates heat in a container filled with water」

Beana laid out her plan, however Jin rejected it.

「Aah, that's pointless」

「Why!?」

Readily shutting Beana down, she spontaneously raised her voice.

「Yesterday you said it, a tool useful for everyone」

「I said that?」

「That means you should try to keep the price as cheap as possible okay?」

「Well if that's how it is」

「In that case you'll need to think of efficiency first」

「Efficiency?」

「Aah. Like the effort in regards to work, that meaning.」

Hearing that Beana pondered, soon understanding the meaning,

「I see. Use as little magic as possible, producing as much hot water as possible, that kind of meaning right?」

「Right right. You catch on quick.」

Jin was honestly impressed.

CHAPTER 13

CLICHÉ DEVELOPMENT

In the end there wasn't enough time that day to start making a 『Water Heater』, Jin and Beana finished their lunch, and like yesterday, they opened the stall.

「Somehow it feels like there's more people than yesterday」

The crowd had increased compared to yesterday. The two of them immediately began preparations.

「Ohh, we've been waiting」

「Quickly make some」

「Okay, please wait~」

Beana began to make popcorn while Jin arranged the magic tools for display. There Reiko joined. Jin upon seeing Reiko's figure,

「Oh, Reiko. Already finished?」

「Yes. The purchase of barley, wheat, and pepper is done」

They whispered to each other so the noisy customers didn't hear it.

「Alright, then come help me out here」

「Understood」

And so Reiko joined as a salesperson too.

「Ara, what a cute child. Is she your little sister?」

One of the customers said. Jin and Reiko, both had black hair so they appeared to be brother and sister.

「No, I...」

am his daughter, was what Jin interrupted Reiko from saying,

「That's right. She came to help」

「Heeh, what a good girl. Ah, please give me one of these lighters please. The one I bought and took home yesterday was taken by my mother-in-law as she said "this is great"」

「Okay, thank you for your patronage」

Handing over the lighter, Jin received the money. Reiko seemed displeased. However Jin whispered,

「Reiko, we'll only pretend you're my sister here. We don't want our problems increasing」

「I understand... Onii-sama」

Like that, the popcorn and lighter were sold out this day like the day before.

「We sold out today too」

「Aah, that's great」

While they had their conversation and heading towards Beana's home, a group of people ahead intercepted them.

「Hehehe, you seem to be making quite the profit recently, huh?」

「You should share a little bit of that profit with us」

There were four bad looking men. All four carried a sword on their waist.

「... uwa. Talk about cliché」

Jin was amazed, but without minding Jin the men reached their hands towards the pouch hanging on Beana's waist.

「What do you think you're doing! This is today's sales!」

Beana slapped away his hand.

「Liiiike I said, share a little with us」

「Don't joke with me! Why do I have to share with you!」

There was the same stubborn Beana as always. Jin,

「What you're saying sounds like a thief, you do know that right?」

He enquired. Then one of them,

「What about it!」

Saying that, he attacked while aiming at Jin.

However, the next moment, that man was in the air. And like that,

「Heguu!」

He made a weird scream as he was slammed to the ground, then there was silence.

「What were you trying to do to Father?」

Of course that was Reiko's doing. The remaining three men couldn't believe that Reiko who seemed only about 10 years old had done that,

「What the hell did you do just now?」

「Did she use magic?」

They began to shout. Jin towards those guys,

「It's best you take that person and go back」

He said, but the men didn't listen to that warning.

「Are you screwing with me? Are you blind that you don't understand?」

As he said that, one of the men drew their sword from their waist.

「Let's give you a little bit of pain」

Saying that he slashed at Jin. However, that sword did not reach Jin.

「Don't say things you can't do」

Saying that from behind him, Reiko snatched the sword from him instantly.

「Wha-What!?」

「Such a blunt sword, there's no way it's useful」

Saying that, Reiko showed in front of the man's eyes, her bending the blade.



「A-Are you a monster!?」

The remaining two driven by fear, drew their sword and recklessly began to swing.

「That's dangerous」

However in a blink of an eye Reiko had taken those swords, crumpling them into a ball in her hand this time.

「U-UWAAAAAA!」

Seeing that, the men ran away disregarding the unconscious one.

「Cowards」

After saying that, Reiko caught up to the three, giving one a blow in the solar plexus. Another one, a chop to the back of the neck. And the last one was hurled away, fainting.

「Father, I'm done」

「Aah, good work」

The two conversed that way as if it was natural, Beana,

「Reiko is too amazing. Like this my 『Rod of Paralysis』 isn't useful at all」

She sighed with a complaint.

「So, what should we do with these guys?」

The four were splendidly sprawled out on the ground.

「Let's see, tie them up and hand them over to the guards」

「Got it」

Jin reformed the swords the men carried with 『《Forming》』 into a wire, tying up the men.

「That's an interesting way to use it」

『Forming』 is a Craft Magic, Beana can use it too so she imitated reforming the sword into wire, tying up the last one.

「Now then, first we'll put away our things then go hand over these guys」

「Okay」

They fastened the unconscious men just in case. And so the three returned to Beana's house to put away their things.

「Well then, shall we go hand over these guys?」

「Yeah, although it's bothersome」

The three of them then returned, the four were still unconscious.

「What shall we do?」

「Father, I'll go drag them」

Just like she said, Reiko dragged the four, still unconscious, to the soldier guardroom. Against the stone, their trousers seemed to fray. That was something Jin and the others didn't care about.

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「Why can't you make it! Incompetent!」

The jeer resounded in the mansion.

「Young Master, the finest corn, the finest oil, the finest salt were used however...」

「What's the finest! This is burnt and isn't the least bit swelled is it! Like I could eat this!」

The plate with the burnt corn was thrown away.

「What could the problem be? It seemed so simple to make though...」

There was no answer to that grumble.

CHAPTER 14

REQUEST

The next day Jin went to Beana's house alone. Reiko was giving out various instructions on Hourai Island for the morning chore and arranged to join in the afternoon.

First the two of them produced 50 lighters. Then they decided to spend the remaining time refining the plan for the water heater.

「How about the water is collected in the bucket, then the inside is heated up?」

Beana proposed to Jin,

「Un, that sounds good」

Agreed. So they immediately began making a prototype.

Making a bucket container with copper, they combined it with a heater 《Magic Device》. It was more or less finished once it was inserted into a wooden bucket.

「It's done」

「Alright, let's put in water」

Beana's house has a water well to use for 《Magic Craft》. Drawing the water from there, they filled the container.

「《Heat》」

Reciting the keyword, the 《Magic Device》 activated. In about 5 minutes, The temperature of 10 litres of water enough for a hot bath.

「We did it! It's a success」

「Aah, it went well. What will happen if we left it going?」

Leaving it to continue operating, the water begins to boil after about 10 minutes.

「It can also boil water huh」

Beana was pleased. However Jin,

「Un, when thinking for safety and the consumption of the 『Magic Stone』, it should stop at the temperature of a hot bath」

「I see... I wonder what we should do. Certainly, there are other ways to boil water」

「It would be fine if it used a 『Magic Crystal』, however for it to boil, the 『Magic Stone』 would be exhausted right?」

Beana thought for a while,

「Un, I've decided. This 『Water Warmer』, let's prevent it from boiling」

「We'll develop the 『Water Heater』 separately」

「Alright」

And so, with the 『Water Warmer』 prototype, the two headed to the stall. Reiko was already waiting there.

「Oh, Reiko, you came early today」

「Yes, Fath... Onii-sama. The purchase of neccessary products are done」

The same as yesterday and the day before, Beana made the popcorn and Jin was the salesperson.

「Give me one of those things called a lighter」

「Thank you for your patronage」

The sale of the lighter was doing well today too. Meanwhile, Jin placed the 『Water Warmer』 prototype he brought on the table.

「Ara? What is that?」

Seeing an unfamiliar magic tool, the popcorn customers were pulled in.

「This is called a water warmer. You put water in and operate it... 《Heat》」

Facing the fascinated onlookers,

「The water inside becomes hot water」

Since steam emerged after 5 minutes passed, the customers who saw that were amazed.

「Hey hey, this, can this boil water?」

「That's dangerous, so it's only up to a temperature where you can put your hand in」

「F-uun. Although it seems like it still has various uses like washing」

「With this I can warm up water at night and save on firewood」

「Oh yeah! I kinda want it. Hey, how much is it?」

Jin was at a loss for this. He hadn't arranged a price with Beana. So in a rush he accounted the costs in his head.

「Let's see, one for 200 torr」

「If it's that much I'll probably buy it. However I don't have enough money today」

「Ah, this is a made to order product so if you order today, we can hand it over tomorrow」

「Ara I see. Then I'll order one」

「Thank you for your patronage」

They quickly received one order. Was what he thought,

「Ohh, I'll order too」

「I want one too」

Surprisingly, three were sold. It seemed to be more popular than what he thought.

Eventually the popcorn and lighter are sold out. There were five orders for water warmers.

「I'm so happy. This is thanks to you Jin. I can't express how grateful I am」

Beana said with her face on the verge of tears.

「Haha, I'm glad i could help. Anyway, won't we run out of copper if we continue? Also the wood for making the bucket」

「Ah, you're right... what should we do? There's no stores to buy copper from in the area」

Beana was worried. When Jin saw that,

「It'll be fine. There should be enough left to use tomorrow」

「R-Really? Although it's my workshop, why does Jin know more about it than me?」

「Inventory management is important. You can't be out of materials in the middle of making something」

「R-Right, I'll do my best. But it's good that Jin is here. I want to praise the old me who requested your help」

Beana laughed while saying that. On the other hand, Reiko remained silent. A figure of a person appeared in front of the three.

「Excuse me, are you the 《Magic Craftsman》 Beana?」

It was a man dressed in extravagant, but not gaudy, clothes. With short cut blonde hair and about 35 years old.

「Y-Yes. I'm Beana」

The man lightly bowed upon that answer,

「I am the butler that serves Earl Guarana, Claude」

「O-Okay」

The man who called himself Claude was slender and tall, with a well featured face. Such a man bowing to her, Beana was a little embarrassed.

「Recently, the food called popcorn has been popular in the area, so yesterday a person from our house purchased it, but after eating it our young master said he wanted more」

「Haa」

「If you can, I would like for you to teach me how to make it. Of course I will reward you」

「...」

Beana looked towards Jin. Originally, it was Jin that told her about popcorn. Having noticed the meaning of her glance, Jin nodded in agreement.

「Y-Yes, that's alright with me」

Claude upon hearing Beana's answer,

「Really!? Thank you very much! If that's the case, I would like us to go to the mansion immediately...」

To Claude who was saying that,

「Uhh, umm, can Jin also come with me?」

Hearing that,

「I was told to bring Ms Beana alone so...」

He said. So Beana,

「Is that so... please wait a little bit so I can put away my things」

Claude complied,

「I understand. Where is your home? If you'd like, I can escort you with a carriage」

He offered but,

「N-No, it's close by so I'll come back immediately, if you could just wait for a moment」

Saying that she began to jog. Jin and Reiko followed.

Heading towards the house, Beana faced Jin,

「Jin, is it really fine? To teach him」

「It's fine it's fine. Besides, the other party seems to be a noble so go and receive the reward」

「Un...」

Beana's face was somewhat anxious on going to the mansion of a noble for the first time, she was worried if she will make a mistake, so she spoke her mind.

「It's fine. Since the other party were the ones to ask me to come. Furthermore it'll be night soon, I can't leave my younger brother and sister can I?」

It was already the evening. They were slowly getting better, however the siblings were still bedridden, so leaving them to go would be bad.

「That's why I'll take care of them until Beana comes back」

Was what Jin said,

「Really? Then there's no helping it, I'll go then」

Beana resigned herself, deciding to head towards Earl Guarana's mansion.

CHAPTER 15

HOUSE-SITTING

「Well then, Jin, I leave them to you」

「Aah, go ahead. Reiko, I'll be counting on you」

「Yes, Father」

Beana went out carrying corn and the popcorn producing device. Jin ordered Reiko to bring the luggage to Claude's place.

「Now then, I should head over to Nana and Raldo」

Before heading out, Beana told the two of them that while she was away, Jin would take care of them.

「Ah, Jin-niichan」

Both of their complexion had improved compared to the first time they met. It was a sign they were recovering from scurvy.

「Beana is on an errand and will be a little late so we'll have dinner a little bit later. Eat this until then」

Saying that he held out a plate of Pelshka fruit.

「Waa, I love this!」

「It's delicious!」

Nana and Raldo delightedly ate. Meanwhile Jin prepared dinner. That said, it was only baking bread and heating up oat gruel and soup.

「Father, I have just returned」

Reiko had returned.

「Thanks for the work」

「She properly went by carriage」

「I see」

In the mean time, since the oat gruel and soup were warmed, he divided the portions into the dishes and carried it over to where Nana and Raldo were. Because he took care of small children when he was at the orphanage, he was used to this.

「Here, dinner's ready」

「Thank you, Onii-chan」

He waited for the two to finish eating then he cleaned up the dishes and went back to the kitchen. Reiko had heated up Jin's portion.

「Father, I have cooled it down to a good temperature」

Actually, Jin didn't like hot food. Even if he only ate hot things, he wasn't used to it.

「Oh, thank you」

It was already pitch black outside. She should be coming back soon if she's just teaching how to make popcorn, Jin thought.

「Beana sure is late」

「Father, tonight, are we staying here?」

「Un, since Beana entrusted me with this I can't just leave those kids and go home」

When Jin said that, Reiko,

「Then I'll go back home for a moment, I'll bring back Father's bedding」

「Aah, you'll do that for me?」

「Yes, I will go now」

Reiko quickly disappeared into the darkness.

「... it couldn't be, something couldn't have happened could it?」

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「Ooh! Delicious!」

「That is great, young master」

Beana had been making popcorn in Earl Guarana's mansion. The corn she brought was cheap, but she used the finest salt and oil so the taste had become entirely different.

「Fuu, I'm satisfied」

Saying that the selfish boy left the dining room. Leaving behind some leftover popcorn, Beana, and the butler Claude.

「So after I clean up can I go home?」

Beana asked, then Claude says,

「Yes. However, I'd like to purchase that production device if possible」

「Eh, but without this I'll be in trouble tomorrow...」

Beana gently refused. Naturally because it was Jin's property, but as a commoner Beana was nervous.

If it's a noble, they could forcibly take it, since it does actually happen.

「Of course I'll pay you a suitable compensation. Including my thanks for coming, how about 10 gold coins?」

10 gold coins, meaning 100,000 torr. Approximately equivalent to 1 million yen.

「10 coins!?」

「Yes. How about it?」

Right now the profit including expenses for the day is a little less than 4000 torr. It was 25 times, about one month's worth. If she 0was to make it anymore difficult, the worst situation might occur.

「I understand. I'll take it」

Beana accepted.

And so, to apologize after returning home, she would have to hand over all 10 gold coins to Jin, was what she inwardly resolutely decided.

Then Claude continued speaking.

「So about this, I've heard you are quite an excellent 『Magic Craftsman』. How about it, would you like be an exclusive 『Magic Craftsman』 for this house?」

「Exclusive?」

In other words, to become a patron. By being employed by a noble, you don't have to worry about production costs, and can make as many things you like. Beana remembered her teacher, Gradia Hampton. He had three nobles backing him, he had a life without a problem like a countryside noble.

Furthermore Claude says,

「If you do become exclusive to us, we will offer to repay the entire debt you are carrying」

「Eh, how did you know...」

Beana was surprised that Claude spoke about her debt.

「Excuse me for having taken it upon myself to investigate」

Calude answered nonchalantly.

「.....」

Beana looked down, pondering.

The debt she holds now was about 1.2 million torr. Studying under Gradia Hampton and the expense of taking her parents to the doctor. Currently the prospect to repay it did not seem to be looking up.

「But」

Beana raised her head, recalling the last few days.

After meeting Jin, she had a new view on magic tools. She knew the joy of shaping her own thoughts. The joy of making a magic tools not for nobles, but for the commoners.

「I'm sorry, but I will have to refuse」

Those were the words that came out of Beana's mouth. She would not yield on this.

「I see, that's too bad. Please come tell me if you change your mind」

Claude said, holding out a pouch containing 10 gold coins.

「This bag holds the crest of our house. If at one point you will have business at our house, please show it to the gatekeeper」

「Th- Thank you very much」

Beana nervously received it.

「Now then, I'll escort you back... is what I'd like to say, but the gates are already close, so please feel free to stay the night. I'll escort you back as soon as the gates open tomorrow」

「Y-Yes, thank you」

Claude led Beana to the guest room. Beana did not see that his lips had slightly twisted.

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Jin laid out the blanket that Reiko brought and made the bed. At that time.

「Father, someone is approaching here」

「Hn? Has Beana returned?」

Jin asked carelessly,

「No. It isn't her magic power. There are four people. Coming by carriage」

From Jin's upgrade, Reiko's magic power detection ability had improved. Since Reiko said it, it must be right.

The sound of the carriage stopping in front of the house could be heard, right after that the sound of knocking on the door came.

CHAPTER 16

ANOTHER NOBLE

「Who is it?」

Reiko opened the door. There stood a middle-aged man wearing a butler clothing.

「I apologize for interrupting your evening, is this the home of the 《Magic Craftsman》 Beana-san」

「Yes, it is」

The man then bowed,

「My name is Sevanz, I serve the house of Earl Kuzuma. Regarding the magic tool that Beana-san made, the head of my house said he would like to talk」

「Head of the house, do you mean Earl Kuzuma came?」

「Yes, he is waiting in the carriage」

「Please wait a moment」

So Reiko went back and consulted Jin. Since Jin had heard the conversation,

「I'll go」

Saying that he traded places with Reiko and faced Sevanz.

「Beana is currently away on business. I'm Jin and work as her assistant, if you don't mind I can listen to your story」

Sevanz then thought for little while,

「Okay, then I'll let Jin-san be the other party」

Saying that, he opened the rear window of the carriage and spoke something,

「Is it fine for us to intrude into your house?」

He asked Jin. Jin immediately approved and says to Reiko,

「Reiko, take out the apple from the refrigerator and peel it please」

Was his instruction.

Sevanz had his master, Earl Kuzuma got off from the carriage and followed him inside.

「Welcome, please come in Earl Kuzuma. My name is Jin, the assistant of Beana」

「Un, sorry for visiting so suddenly, but there are various circumstances」

Looking at the Earl who said that, he was a youth in his mid 20s. Brown hair, brown eyes. Face is normal but holds a refined atmosphere.

「Excuse me for this dirty place, please have a seat」

Because Jin was a member of society, he more or less knew manners in regards to superiors.

「Umu」

Reiko then came over with the apples.

「It isn't much, but please have some」

She presented the apples. It was Sevanz who reached out his hand. Probably for poison tasting.

「Excuse me」

Saying that he took a bite and Sevanz face changed into astonishment.

「Wha...」

Seeing that, the Earl,

「What is it? It's rare of you to make a face like that」

Upon hearing that,

「Ha, my apologies. This apple though, it's been cooled down quite a bit」

「What?」

On hearing that, Earl Kuzuma took a slice himself and ate it.

「Ooh! This is delicious. Especially when it's cold」

「How did you like it?」

Jin promptly asked,

「Umu, I love it. How did you cool it? Surely you aren't rich enough to buy enough ice for it are you?」



Because this country is in the south, ice doesn't form even in winter. To refrigerate, ice made from ice magic is typically used, but it's very expensive, so commoners are unable to touch it.

「Yes, we developed a 『Refrigerator』, something used for preservation」

「『Refrigerator』?」

「Yes. A magic tool using a 《Magic Stone》」

Earl Kuzuma's face then smiled broadly,

「So that's it. You guys develop any magic tool you want and selling it cheaply to the commoners don't you?」

「Yes, there's also the lighter」

「Umu. In fact, one of our servants bought one, it seemed like quite the useful magic tool. So I was interested in the manufacturer」

「We are honored」

「Also, isn't there that 『water warmer』 thing too?」

「Yes, there is」

It seems like one of the servants from the Earl's house ordered one today.

「After all it is interesting. To begin with, aren't the magic tools a 《Magic Craftsman》 makes valuable?」

「No, Beana... we thought of making something useful for a wide range of people, that's how it is」

The Earl stared at Jin who answered that with interest,

「Fu-Fuhahaha! You're a peculiar one!」

And then,

「I like you. Truthfully, I wanted to ask to employ you as a 『Magic Craftsman』 for my house, but I won't. Like this, continue on making more and more great things」

Jin was a little surprised. The Earl in front of him, rather than his own benefits, he gave priority to the benefit of the people.

「If there's a time you're in trouble, feel free to come ask me for help. I'll help as much as I can」

The Earl said that to him,

「If that's how it is, I'll kindly accept your offer」

When Jin said that, the Earl leaned forward,

「Hn? What is it? Is there something troubling you?」

「Yes. In fact, this evening Beana was invited by Earl Guarana, she went to visit the Earl's place, however even though it's this time, she hasn't come back. Her younger siblings are very worried」

Hearing that Earl Kuzuma,

「I see. It must be for business. Earl Guarana, huh?」

Crossing his arms, Earl Kuzuma began to think of something. He soon uncrossed his arms,

「I got it. Before returning home, I'll stop by Earl Guarana's place」

Jin was relieved on hearing that.

「Thank you very much. Thank you for your help」

He said his thanks, then the Earl rose but sat down again,

「Umu. That's right, before I go home can I see the 『refrigerator』?」

Having said that, Jin carried over one of the three they made. The powerless Jin could carry it since it weighed about 20kg.

「Hou. So this is it」

With interest, the Earl looked at the appearance, opened the door, and looked inside,

「The 《Magic Stone》 is placed inside, reciting the 《Keyword》 will activate it」

「It's pretty simple huh. Is this for sale?」

「Yes. Though it wouldn't sell at the stall」

「That's how it would be... How about 10 gold coins?」

「Ha?」

Jin was taken aback. 10 golds coin would be 100,000 toru, approximately 1 million yen.

「Is that not enough?」

「N-No, it's fine」

Jin answered while stuttering,

「Ooh, I see. Sevanz, the gold coins. Also load this on the carriage」

「Yes」

The pouch of gold coins was placed in front of Jin. And the refrigerator was carried out in exchange. Having affirmed that, Earl Kuzuma stood up,

「Whew, tonight was quite worthwhile」

Saying that he held out his hand to Jin. When Jin took his hand, the Earl,

「Let us talk again」

Saying that he left the room.

CHAPTER 17

TWO EARLS

The castle gates used massive doors. A carriage stopped in front of that.

「It's Earl Kuzuma. Please open the gate」

The sentinels protecting the castle gate checked the crest engraved on the carriage and it was certainly that of an Earl's house, furthermore the coachman presented a pass to compare,

「Opening the gate!」

A loud voice directed from the officer on the top of the rampart. Then the gate opened while making a heavy sound,

「Please pass through」

The sentinel saw them off and the carriage passed through.

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「Fuu, this feels good」

Beana entered the bath in Earl Guarana's mansion. As you'd expect from an Earl's mansion, marble was spread across the luxurious bath that overflowed with hot water,

「As expected, nobles have a good life」

For bathing, the commoners wipe their body with hot water at most, it is fundamentally different.

「I got to do my best」

Beana muttered getting out of the bath.

Returning to the dressing room, the clothes she took off were gone, and instead new underwear and a bathrobe had been placed.

「Somehow it looks more luxurious than I remember」

She said while putting on the underwear. The silk felt comfortable.

After putting on the bathrobe, she left the dressing room. A plump middle-aged man was there.

「Kya」

「Hohou, quite the thing aren't you」

With a hand on his chin the man muttered, his status could be identified from the extravagant clothes he wore. So Beana,

「U-Umm, you are?」

「Hn? I am Earl Guarana」

「E-Earl-sama!」

Beana hurriedly bowed, the Earl waved his hand,

「Aah, it's fine it's fine. More importantly, come with me」

「Ha?」

「I said come with me!」

「Kyaa!」

The Earl forcibly seized Beana's hands. Beana tried to shake him off but.

「If you disobey me, something might happen to your little brother and sister you know?」

「...!」

It was obviously a threat. Beana's face was frozen.

「You've calmed down, now, come」

Once again gripping her hands, he dragged Beana along. Her face was pale.

Walking down the corridor and going up the stairs, they arrived at a room.

「We're going in」

A maid stood in front of the door, giving a look of pity at Beana for a moment, then opening the door according to the Earl's order, the two of them entered.

「...」

In the middle of the room was a large bed. Even Beana could guess what she would be made to do here. However, holding onto a gleam of hope, she tried asking.

「Um, what are we doing here?」

Earl Guarana then obscenely grinned with his oily face,

「Gufu, you're asking what we're doing here? We're doing... this!」

「Kyaaaa!」

Suddenly pulling her bathrobe, Beana lost her balance. She fell back onto the bed from before.

「The night is long, let's enjoy ourselves」

「N-No...」

The Earl approached her while taking off his coat, Beana tried to resist but,

「Your little brother and sister are quite cute aren't they?」



Saying it again, Beana stopped resisting.

「Don't be so afraid, I'll treat you nicely」

While saying that the Earl leaned bent over Beana.

「N-NOOOOOO!」

But that voice only pleasured the Earl.

「Gufufufu, it'll be great if you raise your voice again」

And then at the time his hands were about to touch Beana's underwear.

There was a knock on the door. Although the Earl ignored it at first, the sound of knocking came again,

「Be quiet. I'm busy!」

He shouted but,

「My apologies. However, Earl Kuzuma has come to see you」

「What!?」

Though they had the same position of Earl, Earl Kuzuma's house is an old family, on the other hand Earl Guarana's house was an upstart. Their influence was different in the kingdom. He could not ignore it. Clicking his tongue, Earl Guarana separated from Beana.

He left the room with loud footsteps. When the door shut, Beana breathed a sigh of relief.

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「Welcome, Earl Kuzuma」

Earl Guarana greeted him at the entrance lobby.

「No need, I think it's inexcusable I came at such a time tonight」

Then don't come! Was what Earl Guarana yelled out in his mind, but on the surface he was smiling,

「No, it can't be helped for this urgent business. So, what kind of business did you come here for?」

He ended the greetings and quickly cut to the chase, it was quite obvious he wanted him to go away.

「Yes, then I'll get to it immediately... I wish for you to hand over the 《Magic Craftsman》 Beana」

「What was that?」

「I've heard that Earl Guarana had invited her from her assistant. In addition, the sentinels of the rampart have confirmed that she has not left the walls yet」

「...」

Earl Guarana hurriedly calculated the profit and losses in his brain. The other party was a youth, however his family had participated politics. On the other hand he had went from Viscount to Earl using money. It seemed like he better act obediently.

「O-Ooh, Beana. She went to use the bath earlier, she should be just about done now. I'll send for her now. Oi」

Claude quickly left there.

「.....」

The silence was painful. Guarana's back was dripping with sweat.

Shortly after, Claude came back with Beana. Her clothes returned to her former one. She securely held the pouch of money.

「Are thou Beana-dono?」

「Y-Yes」

Suddenly being brought before another noble, Beana was worried, however Earl Kuzuma seemed to sense that,

「I am called Earl Kuzuma. I was requested by Jin-dono to pick up thou」

「Eh? By Jin!?」

Hearing Jin's name, the colour returned to Beana's face.

「Indeed. Come, let's go」

Earl Kuzuma said, beckoning Beana. Beana timidly walked over. When Earl Kuzuma gently took Beana's hand,

「Well then, Earl Guarana, excuse me for having intruded」

Saying that he left the place.

CHAPTER 18

CLOUDING

Beana was now in Earl Kuzuma's trembling carriage. Seeing Beana who seemed bored, the Earl called out to her.

「Beana-dono, to be honest, today I went to meet you」

「To meet me?」

「Right. I always hear about a stall where a 『Magic Craftsman』 sells interesting magic tools」

「Um... are you talking about the lighter?」

The Earl nodded,

「Yes. And when I went to visit thy house, the assistant called Jin welcomed me instead」

「Jin did? I see」

「Look, I was allowed to buy this」

Saying that, the Earl pointed at the refrigerator on the corner seat.

「Ah, the refrigerator」

The Earl nodded,

「He talked a little about that, you wanted to make something useful for everyone, I heard that's your motto」

「Eh? Ah, yes, that's right」

「Honestly, I wanted to have you as an exclusive 『Magic Craftsman』 for my mansion, but when I heard that I changed my mind」

「Eh?」

「I don't want this matter to be spread about」

The Earl established the former,

「About half year ago, golems and magic beasts came from the direction of Seruroa Kingdom」

「EH!？」

Seruroa Kingdom is a country bordering the north of Egeria Kingdom where Blue Land is. Blue Land is relatively south of the Egeria Kingdom. Therefore the information the Earl spoke of did not come through official means.

「Of course many people would think something is happening. So the nobles have started to eagerly gather excellent 『Magic Craftsmen』 to take advantage of it to strengthen their power」

「...」

「Well, with that power, I believe it's fine if used correctly, but how should I say it, most of the nobles have obviously used it for their own house」

Beana had no idea what to say back and just silently listened.

「Compared to them, Beana-dono has a proper idea. The commoners who pay the taxes, you could say that they support the country. Thou who attempts to make magic tools for those commoners is admirable」

「T-Thank you」

Being praised by the Earl who is a noble, Beana finally spoke that much.

「Now then. We should be at the castle gates soon」

The carriage left after going through the procedure in reverse when it first came.

In front of Beana's house, Jin was waiting there.

「Hou, seems like he's been worried waiting a long time for thee」

「J-Jin!?」

「Welcome home, Beana」

「I-I'm home」

Beana slightly blushed while getting off the carriage. Reiko had actually sensed the carriage so he only came out a while ago, however Beana didn't know that nor did Jin say it.

The Earl opened the window,

「Jin-dono, I have fulfilled thy request」

Saying that, the carriage turned around and once again headed back to the inner city.

Jin and Beana went inside the house and both explained to each other what had happened. When Beana said she had sold the popcorn production device, Beana bowed apologetically.

「It already happened but, I'm sorry. That was yours but I sold it without your permission. To tell the truth, I didn't want the 10 gold coins...」

Hearing that, Jin laughed,

「Haha, it's fine already. You honestly told me. Also, since it was a noble's request, it was practically an order」

「Since you said that, I feel much better now. I'm really sorry about it. Also, here」

Beana held out the 10 gold coins to Jin.

「Yeah, thanks」

Jin accepted it. If he didn't, Beana wouldn't be able to get rid of her guilt.

Jin also held out the money he got from selling the refrigerator to Beana. Beana gave half, 5 gold coins to Jin. Jin also accepted it.

They then talked about what happened after, about Beana being assaulted by Earl Guarana and being forced to stay the night. She was saved thanks to Earl Kuzuma.

「I... see. I really owe Earl Kuzuma」

When Jin said that, Beana also,

「Yeah. He's a good person」

Saying that, she slightly blushed. Seeing that, Jin thought "oh my" but didn't let it slip his mouth,

「Well then, since you're back now, it's about time for me to go home」

「Eh?It's already so late. You should stay」

「No, I'll have to refuse. Good night」

Saying that, Jin left the room before Beana could stop him.

「What's with him, jeez...」

Beana pouted while she went to see how her siblings were. They seemed to be sleeping well so she slipped into her own bed.

On the other side, Jin.

「What do you think?」

Returning to Hourai Island, Jin consulted Reiko.

「What the Earl had said about Seruroa Kingdom you mean? There's the possibility it might be some kind of magic experiment」

「Magic experiment?」

「Yes. The golem Father met, and the golem that attacked that country. Also the 『Hekatonkheires』 I met, as well as what the Earl said. It sounds like the work of a human」

「Hmm...」

Jin folded his arms and pondered,

「Father, will you stop going to Blue Land soon?」

「Eh?」

「Beana is already independent, the purchase of the grains we can obtain there has also been settled. I think it'll be good to go see another place」

Certainly, what Beana asked for could be considered done. The refrigerator too, if the Earl talks about it, the nobles will probably buy it. In that case, the debt would definitely soon be paid back. The illness of the siblings too, they've practically gotten better from the fruits he left behind.

「We can't always be going back and forth, what you said is certainly true. Then after this, we'll go another 2 or 3 times then tell Beana about it」

「Okay」

The next day, Jin thought to tell Beana about this matter indirectly and headed to Beana's house. Reiko planned to join after she gave instructions to the Golem Maids on Hourai Island.

And in front of the house, a single carriage stopped.

「This is...」

Looking closely, it was the crest he saw just yesterday. It was Earl Kuzuma's.

He tried knocking on the door of Beana's house once,

「Jin!」

Beana came out with great vigour.

「Thank goodness! You see, the Earl came to see you, he came with various requests, and so,」

Jin placed his hands on Beana's shoulder,

「I get it so calm down a little」

Saying that Beana slightly blushed,

「R-Right, sorry」

Saying that she invited Jin inside the house.

「Oh, Jin-dono」

Earl Kuzuma was sitting there.

「I decided to come immediately. That thing called refrigerator is really useful! The cooled fruit that I ate for breakfast was more delicious than usual」

「I'm glad you enjoyed it」

「Now, thou should sit too. There are various things I want you to hear」

「Well then, please excuse me」

Beana also sat down, the Earl began to speak.

「First of all, about that refrigerator, I want you to make one twice the size of it. For the cost, I can hand over an advance payment」

「T-Thank you」

A large income can be expected by selling the refrigerator. It's the best thing Beana could ask for.

「After that, what I was just shown before, for now I'd like for you to make 10 of the 『Water Warmers』」

「10 of them is it?」

It was a generous talk, Jin was also drawn in, he was thinking how they could prepare the amount.

CHAPTER 19

A BAD FEELING

After Earl Kuzuma ordered 2 large refrigerators and 10 water warmers, he returned home.

「It feels like a dream」

Beana muttered with a flushed face.

「Until you came Jin, I was troubled that I couldn't even sell one magic tool I made」

「More importantly, we need to start making the orders we received yesterday」

「O-Oh, that's right」

So they decided to make the water warmers first. They received 5 orders to make.

Because of the reproduction process, it could be completed in a short period of time. But they noticed they were out of materials.

「Ah, we're out of copper and wood」

「Shall we go shopping after we close the store today?」

「Yeah, we'll need to go early since it's far away」

「Oh, so it's like that」

「For money, the 100,000 torr we got yesterday should be fine」

It was the price the refrigerator was sold.

Then he suddenly noticed it. There is no popcorn producing device.

「This is troubling.....」

They were out of materials so they couldn't make it now.

「Looks like there's no choice but to apologise for today」

「Looks like it...」

Since there was enough materials to make a lighter, 30 lighters were made,

「Though it's a little early, let's have lunch」

Saying that Beana took out a bread. Though it wasn't pure white, it looked like a pretty expensive bread.

「Oh, that's looks like a pretty good bread」

When Jin said that, Beana cheerfully smiled,

「Right? Earl Kuzuma brought it for me」

「Hmmm」

They decided to leave most of it for Nana and Raldo, Jin and Beana finished lunch. Beana went to bring the two of them their lunch.

Reiko arrived.

「Oh, Reiko, you're early」

「Yes, Father. The things on the Island are going well. Have you talked to Beana-san about it yet?」

Saying that, Jin realised he had completely forgotten about it.

「Ah, I forgot」

「Father...」

Reiko gave an astonished look.

「Well, I'll say it if I find the opportunity to.」

「Please do so, okay?」

She asked for confirmation just in case. Beana then came back,

「Ara, Reiko-chan, you came.」

「Yes.」

It seems like Reiko won't open up to Beana.

「Well then, shall we go open up the stall?」

So the three of them headed to the usual place. They shared carrying the water warmers.

「What? And I was looking forward to it!」

「You didn't say anything about this yesterday!」

「You're fucking kidding me, my kids were looking forward to it!」

「I'm really sorry, I'm really sorry...」

Sure enough, the customers who were looking forward to the popcorn were complaining. Beana and Jin frantically apologised.

Seeing Jin like that, Reiko glared at the customers who were complaining. Dangerous magic power began to leak. Noticing that, Jin grabbed Reiko's arm and pulled her away to a slightly remote place.

And before Jin could calm her, Reiko,

「... even though Father didn't do anything wrong, what's with them, those humans. May I enforce discipline?」

They were extreme words. Jin sighed,

「Reiko, I'm asking you not to do anything, okay?」

「But, Father...」

「Don't do anything」

Jin said once again, Reiko,

「Okay...」

Let out a small voice and reluctantly nodded.

Returning to the stall, the customers who only said their complaints went back home. But,

「The 『Water Warmer』 I asked for, have you made it?」

「Yes, of course」

Saying that, he handed over a water warmer.

「That's good. Well then, it was 200 torr right? Here you go」

「Thank you for your patronage」

Like that, the ordered 5 were sold, the lighter goes without saying.

「All of them were sold」

「Yeah. It's a bit early but it's convenient that we can return」

So we decided to head towards the far away store that sold the materials.

It was at the foot base of a mountain an hour walk away outside of the Blue Land castle. There is a mine and it's the place for wood resources.

Along the way, Jin was thinking about the timing to speak to Beana. Not knowing about it,

「Here, this is the place」

A large storehouse was built here.

「Welcome」

The salesman greeted them.

「Umm, 2kg of bronze ingots and 10kg of copper ingots. Also wood」

Beana seemed to think of the order, then promptly ordered.

「That is 31000 torr, but I'll give a discount to 30000 torr」

「Thanks. Will you carry it to my house?」

Beana said while paying the cost,

「Seems I can't beat you」

He said while agreeing. With this, they can return without carrying the heavy ingots. Though Jin had thought about having Reiko carry it.

They returned to Beana's home along with a man and his cart pulled by a donkey like small horse, they saw another carriage that had stopped there.

However, the crest of this carriage was Earl Guarana's. Also 10 men who seem liked they were a private army stood there.

「I have a bad feeling about this」

That mutter leaked out of Jin's mouth.

「I want no part in this trouble!」

Saying that, he threw out the ingots and wood there, then had the donkey(?) soar off pulling the empty cart back to the material shop.

Jin stood up to protect Beana, Reiko was right beside Jin.

CHAPTER 20

PEERLESS REIKO

「You are Beana right?」

A man who seemed to be the leader of the private army.

「Y-Yes, I am」

Beana answered with a pale face.

「I see. I'll have you come with us」

「Wait. You're taking her without a reason?」

Saying that Jin took a step forward, however the leader of the private army faced his subordinates and jerked his chin.

Two of the subordinates who saw that pushed Jin aside and seized both of Beana's arms.

「W-What are you doing!」

She said trying to shake them off, but it wasn't difficult to handle Beana's meager strength. Jin,

「Let her go!」

Said that, trying to stop the soldiers but,

「Annoying」

Shaking him off like an insect, he swung his hand and hit Jin's face.

「Ouuch」

「!!!」

At that moment, a gust of wind blew.

The name of that wind was called Reiko.

「Kyaaa!」

「Uwoah!？」

Beana and the two soldiers that seized Beana's arms flew into the air. The height was actually 5 metres.

Being hurled up so high, the soldiers couldn't help letting go of Beana. Though they knew it was useless, they frantically swung theirs hands, pointlessly struggling to somehow fix their posture.

Then, Reiko took a single jump, catching the freed Beana in a princess carry and safely landing on the ground. Behind them, the two soldiers who couldn't fly hit the ground and fainted. Since they landed on their back, their necks didn't seem to be broken.

「T-Thank you」

Beana said her thanks in a trembling voice, however Reiko calmly said,

「I didn't do it to help you. It was because I couldn't forgive the man who hit father. Helping you was just incidental」

Because of that statement, Beana's face slightly stiffened.

「Aaah, we've done it now」

Jin looked up at the sky instinctively.

「B-Bastard, who are you!」

The leader of the private army shouted.

「Aaah, could you go guys go back?」

Hearing Jin say that, the leader to his subordinates,

「Besides Beana, it doesn't matter if we cut down the others!」

Issued that command.

(Ah, it's over)

Jin heaved a sigh inwardly.

On the other hand, Beana who had taken refuge a little bit away watched with a pale face unable to say anything.

And then eight soldiers went to attack Reiko, facing her without fear.

「What's with this brat?」

The soldiers felt the Reiko who was slowly walking to them was an eerie person, so they stopped running and waited.

Reiko took another step, instantly closing the distance and appearing before a soldier.

「Uwoah」

The soldier was on the ground before he knew what had happened.

The soldiers, as if a curse was dispelled,

「This damn brat!」

「Take this!」

While shouting those words, they slashed at Reiko.

However, Reiko seemed to not try to avoid it. The next moment, the soldiers were trembling in fear.

「Such a dull sword, there's no way it could hurt this body that Father gave to me」

The sword the soldier swung down had certainly hit Reiko's head. However, he could not even cut off one strand of Reiko's hair.

「U-UWAAAAAA!」

Another soldier struck Reiko's torso. But, that sword too was unable to even cut through her clothes and stopped.

「What about this!」

Another soldier stuck out his sword this time. He was aiming precisely at Reiko's chest. But even that was unable to even cut a single millimetre.

For clothes made out of the threads of a 《Grand Spider》, a holy sword, a cursed sword, if it wasn't a sword imbued with high grade magic power, it would be impossible to damage it.

Furthermore, Reiko was further strengthened by her own magic power.

「Do you not understand that it is useless?」

Reiko casually grasped their swords, crushing it in her hands. The swords that were turned into smalls lump were discarded at Reiko's feet.

Reiko's skin made of the 《Sham Dragon's》 wing membrane was flexible and tough. Covered with magic power, it was harder than steel.

「H-HIIIIIII! IT'S THE DEVIL AAAAAAAA!」

The soldiers were about to run, however,

「You who take the initiative to torment the weak, then the first to run away when facing the strong. You are the worst」

Reiko who quietly murmured that, kicked the ground.

「GYAAA!」

Reiko instantly got in front of the fleeing soldiers, one of the soldiers in front took a single blow to the stomach and fainted. Then Reiko grabbed that person's leg with one hand and swung him.



「GYAA!」

「GUWAA!」

Swinging the adult man with one hand, Reiko beat down the rest of the soldiers

「No... way...」

The last one who muttered that was blown away. The leader of the private army seeing that,

「Bastard, you damn monster」

Saying that he prepared the sword in his right hand. The leader of the private army seemed to be able to use magic, he had a red 『Magic Stone』 embedded in the hilt of his sword.

「『Fireball』！」

Saying that, from the tip of his sword he stuck out, a 2 metre flaming ball flew out.

「This kind of thing」

However, Reiko put out the flaming ball with one swing of her right hand.

「So what! How about this then, 『Flames, burn everything to dust, 『Flame Storm』』！」

The leader of the private army used his greatest magic with full power. At the same time, the red 『Magic Stone』 attached to the hilt of his sword had shattered.

『『Flame Storm』』 did not come just from the front, but attacked Reiko from all directions. Returning to her senses, Beana rushed over to Jin.

「Jin! Reiko-chan! This is too much even if she's an 『Artifact』 class 『Automata』！」

However, Jin was already serious,

「It's fine. There's no way that level of magic could do anything to my Reiko, right?」

As he had said, after the storm of raging flames subsided, the calm figure of Reiko standing could be seen.

「Is that the strongest magic you can use?」

The materials that made up Reiko's body had magic resistance and physical resistance, the world's highest class materials. Even without a barrier, it was impossible to damage it as long as it wasn't legendary class magic.

「U-U-UWAAAAAA!」

Up till now, many of his opponents have been burned to dust by his magic, however seeing his current opponent, of course the heart of the leader of the private army would break. Now he was just recklessly swinging his sword around. Reiko fires magic aiming at the sword.

「《Induction》」

That was magic Jin had taught her, a super high frequency electric current. The electric current generates high heat in metals.

「HOT!」

The leader of the private army let go of his sword that had instantly turned red hot. Now he was unarmed.

「Hii...」

Approaching him step by step, Reiko only frightened him. Unable to escape like a frog stared at by a snake, he could only tremble and turned pale.

「Apologise in hell for pointing your sword at Father」

Saying that, Reiko swung her right hand.

CHAPTER 21

FAREWELL

The hand Reiko swung stopped a hair's breadth away from hurting the leader of the private army. But bubbles had foamed from the leader of the private army, he had fainted.

「I've finished」

Turning around to Jin, Reiko brushed off the dust on her skirt.

「Reiko, you didn't even kill one right?」

「Yes, because I don't want to make Father a murderer」

Since Reiko is an 《Automata》, Jin would have to take responsibility for that kind of conduct. The previous 《Magi Craft Meister》 Adrianna Balbora Ceci had also said it, so Reiko could only go easy.

「That's good however... we've done it now」

Jin muttered, then adding to that,

「Really, you're an amazing person」

That voice sounded.

「!?」

Turning around, there stood Earl Kuzuma accompanied by Sevanz.

「I heard Earl Guarana had sent out his private army so I was worried and came running over to see, but it was already over」

On the ground was the private army, 11 people altogether.

「Really. So you are Reiko? The strength of this miss would probably be above the knights of this kingdom」

The Earl glanced at Reiko for a moment,

「However, this is bad」

「Eh?」

Beana had a confused expression,

「Refusing Earl Guarana's summon, and on top of that assaulted his vassals」

「Wha... but that's!」

The Earl stopped Beana from objecting,

「Yes, I know. What I said just now would be how you will probably be treated」

In other words, using Earl Guarana's influence, he could fabricate this quarrel.

「Beana had no part in taking down Earl Guarana's private army though」

Jin stopped speaking formally.

「Yes, well, there is that, but there is no witness」

「There is. Isn't Earl Kuzuma an excellent witness?」

Jin stated, turning towards Beana,

「Beana, it's been fun getting to know you. Nana and Raldo are already fine, you've also gotten the hang of making magic tools. And above all else, there is Earl Kuzuma who understands you」

「E-Eh? Wait, Jin, what are you saying?」

Beana was bewildered and didn't understand.

「You'll be fine without me now won't you?」

Saying that, he took out a 《Magic Crystal》 from inside his pocket. It was coloured an emerald green, a wind attribute.

「I'll give you this as a farewell gift. Please use it well」

Saying that, he forcibly pushed it into Beana's hand. Then Jin faced the Earl,

「Earl, I'll disappear from this country. In regards to Beana, I'll be counting on you... Beana, farewell」

Saying that, Beana did not stop to listen and began to run.

「W-Wait, Jin! I haven't told you how grateful I am yet...!」

Those words reached Jin who ran away. Reiko followed after, but because of her overwhelming speed, Reiko decided to run while holding Jin on the way.

「Please excuse me, Father」

「Eh, wai-, Reiko」

「This way is faster」

Jin wasn't able to make the last decision.

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「...」

「.....」

A little after Jin disappeared, Beana and Earl Kuzuma were silent. The first to speak was the Earl.

「Beana, he... Jin, who in the world is he?」

The questioned Beana also,

「No idea... he lives on an isolated island, a slightly special 『Magic Craftsman』 ...」

「Hmm, I see」

At that moment, the men who Reiko made faint started groaning. It was about time they came to.

「Beana, hide on my carriage」

「Eh, o-okay」

Earl Kuzuma went towards Earl Guarana's private army,

「What are you men doing!」

He shouted in a loud voice.

「Showing such shameful behaviour in this sort of place. Return to your employer at once!」

The Earl yelled. The private army that came to took those still fainted onto their carriage and silently left.

「Beana, it's safe now」

Earl Kuzuma said that and Beana came out of the carriage.

「Hmm, however, with how things are, it's not a good idea to live here now」

「Eh, ha?」

The Earl smiled and laughed,

「Although it's unfortunate, you should vacate this house and workshop and come to my mansion」

「Y-Yes?」

Beana still didn't understand. The Earl grasping that,

「In other words, if you stay here, Earl Guarana will come again just like today. That's why I said you should come to my mansion.」

「U-Umm, me go to yours?」

「Indeed. But don't worry. I won't try to do anything in particular to you. Just, your house and workshop to my mansion, you should move in.」

「...」

Unable to follow the quick development, the Earl to said Beana,

「Now, with that decided, you should quickly pack your luggage. Sevanz, return to the mansion for a moment, go prepare a carriage to carry the luggage and come back.」

「I have received your order.」

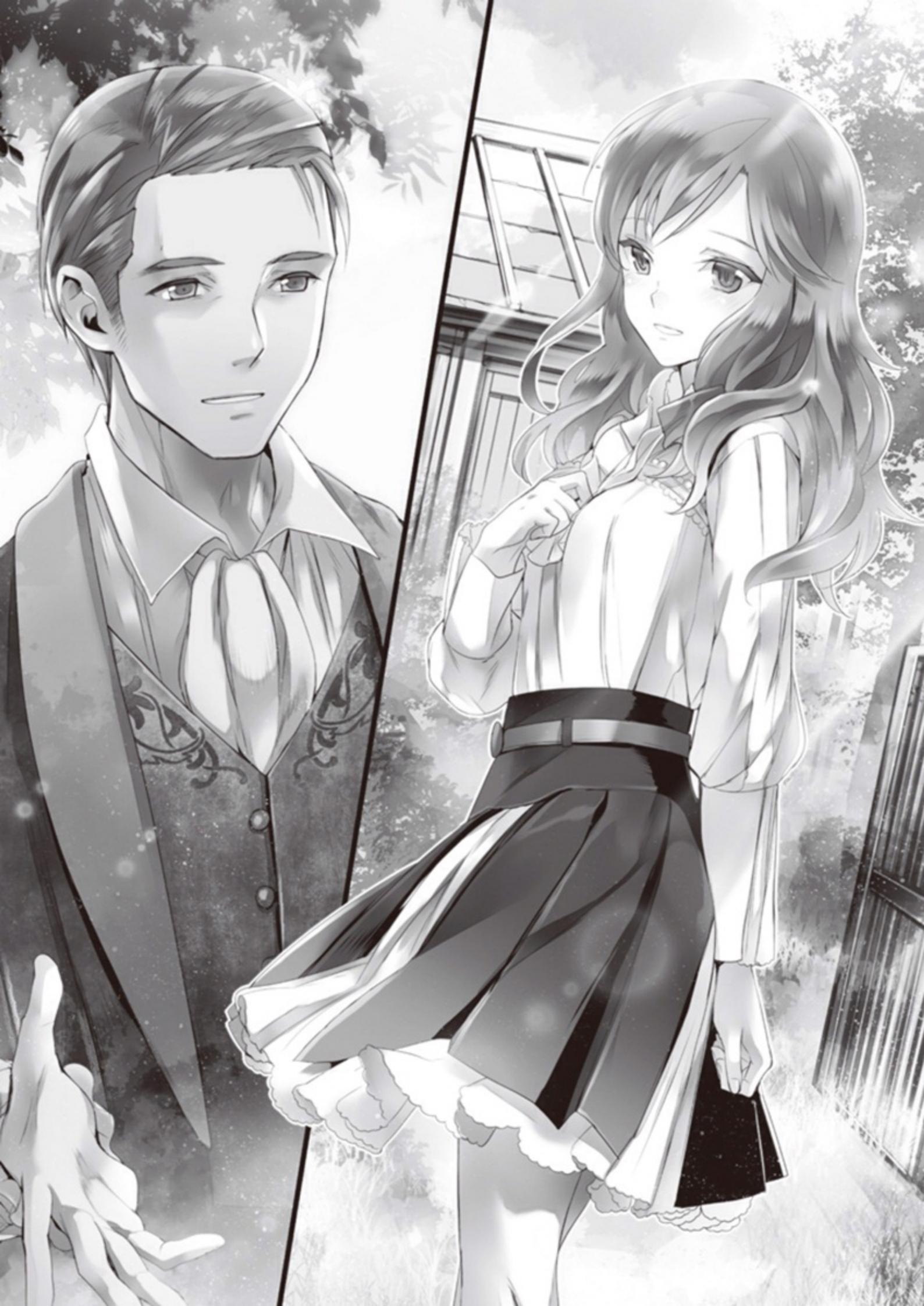
Sevanz answered and galloped away on a horse, the Earl,

「What is it? Beana, quickly get your luggage. Or shall I help you?」

Because the Earl said that, Beana jumped up and panicked,

「N-N-Not at all! I'll immediately go prepare!」

She said and rushed into the house.



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「In the end, that happened.」

While relaxing in the house on Hourai Island, Jin muttered.

「Yes, but the timing was just about right wasn't it?」

Reiko said while serving tea.

「I guess so, we stopped helping Beana without an explanation, but there was no choice. However, thinking about it, we didn't see inside the castle walls of Blue Land.」

「That's true.」

「I don't really know much about this world yet...」

「What shall we do from now on?」

「Hmm, let's see. For the season, I want to go somewhere warm.」

「If that's the case, there's a 《Warp Gate》 that goes out to a beach in the south.」

「The southern sea, sounds good. Is there anything interesting there?」

「There are many islands, there is development of marine transportation.」

「Marine Transportation! Then there must be ships!」

「Yes.」

「Alright, we'll go there next. I really want to see the ships of this world.」

「Understood.」

Like that, in another land, Jin and Reiko's adventure starts.

CHAPTER 22

CHAT 2: SECRET VISIT TO KAINA VILLAGE

「Hourai Island has grown quite a bit」

Returning to the base, Jin spent a few days leisurely.

「Father, please give a role to Gon and Gen」

One day Reiko said that to Jin who,

「I guess I should... I wonder how everyone in Kaina Village are doing」

There was the king's decree, but Jin didn't know about him being declared innocent.

「Come to think of it, there was a 《Warp Gate》 in the basement of the workshop」

Though it was buried in soil.

「Can I not use it?」

He wouldn't want to be buried in soil and unable to move if he went.

「Well, in that case, I think we can remotely operate the 《Warp Gate》 and send the soil around it here」

「Oh, so there was that kind of trick」

In the laboratory are all of the master side of the 《Warp Gates》, after operating the corresponding 《Warp Gate》 here, various things are possible.

「First, release the selection function」

Only Jin's magic power and those who have magic power with the same waveform can use it, that is the function that is being temporarily released.

「Then reverse the transfer... ooo!？」

A lump of soil that suddenly appeared surprised Jin.

「It seems it'll go smoothly」

While ordering her subordinate Soleil to remove the soil, Reiko laughed.

「Then, I'll go first and secretly see how things are」

The soil around the 《Warp Gate》 was gone, but the basement was probably still buried in soil so Reiko intended to go remove it.

「Ah, about that Reiko」

「Yes?」

「Actually, in the outskirts of the village, there's a shelter I made. It's about 80% complete. Since I made a simple barrier at the entrance, you should understand what to do」

「Understood」

「Also, once you're there you should setup a 《Warp Gate》 in that place」

「That's true, if that's the case, I'll disassemble the 《Warp Gate》 in the basement and reassemble it there」

「You'll do it for me?」

「Yes, please leave it to me」

So Reiko was left with that work.

And in the middle of the night, Reiko began her work.

First teleporting.

「As I thought, it's buried in soil」

There was lots of soil surrounding the 《Warp Gate》 .

「There's no presence of anyone around.」

Confirming with magic detection and life detection, she began to work. Moving the soil and also digging a hole out. This was where Jin had worked together with Reiko so she knew whereabouts the exit was.

And so after a month, Reiko appeared again at the workshop Jin had used. It was pitch black, but it wasn't a problem for the current Reiko.

「Father's workplace」

After giving a nostalgic look, Reiko began disassembling the 《Warp Gate》 . Used to it, she was done in 10 minutes. Carrying out all the materials, she completely filled up the hole in 5 minutes.

「Where's the shelter?」

She tried spreading her magic detection to the outskirts of the village.

「I can feel a distortion, it is probably there」

Guessing where it was, Reiko carried the materials of the 《Warp Gate》 and walked in the darkness.

She soon found the location of the shelter. Releasing the barrier, she went inside.

「It sure is spacious, the floor and wall are all hardened, as expected of Father」

She quickly began assembling and setting up the 《Warp Gate》 .

「Now then, a test operation」

Reiko returned to Hourai Island. The golems Gon and Gen stood there with Jin. The appearances of the two have changed, she thought, intending to remain silent about it until Jin explained.

「Welcome home, Reiko. Seems like it went well, huh?」

「I have returned home, Father. Yes, I have setup the 『Warp Gate』 without a problem」

Then Jin,

「Alright, let's go right away」

Saying that, he went along with Gon and Gen into the 『Warp Gate』. Reiko also followed after.

Jin came out inside the shelter,

「... I can't see anything」

He muttered,

「『Light』」

He made a light with magic. The light from his palm illuminated the area.

「Ah, it's been a long time since I've been here」

When Reiko had not yet joined with Jin, seeing the animals fleeing from the mountain, he thought some kind of demon would come so he made a shelter for the villagers.

「Outside is... still dark. From the position of the moon, the time difference between Hourai and here is about two hours?」

Though it was a full moon, it was much smaller than Earth's so it didn't give off much light. Finally, understanding something, only this place was bright.

「Father, please hold onto me」

In the dark night, he would be able to walk without stumbling with the calm Reiko. Jin decided to obediently do so.

Walking for a little, there was Kaina Village.

「Oh, how nostalgic」

Not even one month had passed, however it felt like it had been a fairly long time.

「From the looks of things... nothing happened. Thank goodness」

The Jin who didn't know he was without blame, was relieved seeing the village hadn't changed.

「Martha's house... Hanna, I wonder if she's doing well」

Involuntarily the corner of his eyes heated up.

「It makes you miss the place」

Looking back at Gon and Gen he brought along,

「Gon, Gen, you guys will be this village's 《Guardians》 and secretly watch over it. And if anything happens inform me at once. You can use the shelter as a base」

「Acknowledged」

「Oh? The two of them have become fluent with speaking」

Reiko noticed.

「Yeah. I remodeled them while you were doing the things with the 《Warp Gate》. I gave them the ability to converse and other things, upgraded their autonomy, and reinforced them with Adamantite so their appearance isn't misleading」

「I noticed their appearance, but you had remodeled so much, huh?」

Before, since it was mistaken for the golem that attacked at the time of the tax payment, he changed its fundamental appearance so it definitely wouldn't be mistaken this time. He had also reinforced the structure. It was almost an entirely different thing.

「Like the golem maids of the island, they've become human like」

「Yeah. I didn't coat them, but they're basically the same besides their male form」

By the way, with a coating close to the appearance of a human, it wouldn't be a golem but rather tied together with the term 《Automata》. The boundary was rather vague.

And Jin,

「Although it's regrettable, I'll cool down a little more before seeing everyone's faces」

He muttered, walking towards the shelter. Of course Reiko lead him.

「Everyone, take care」

It was a small voice, but Reiko who was nearby heard it.

At the shelter entrance, he carefully spread a barrier,

「Okay, as long as they don't have great magic power, they won't be able to get in」

Furthermore they made a special specification that it was fine if it was Jin or Reiko. Of course the golems Jin made, Gon and Gen are fine too. This distinguished the waveform of magic power, this was a technology his predecessor found.

「Well then, Gon, Gen, I leave things to you」

「Yes, please leave it to us」

And so, Jin and Reiko returned to Hourai Island.

